



Date: 16 May 2019

Venue: Birmingham Conference and Events Centre B5 4EW

Neurology Service Managers' Network Meeting

Chair: Professor Adrian Williams - Consultant Neurologist and Professor of Clinical Neurology, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust; GIRFT Clinical Advisor, NHS England; Chair of the Neurosciences CRG

10.00 Registration and refreshments

10.30 Welcome, introduction and objectives: **Prof Adrian Williams, Sue Thomas – CEO Commissioning Excellence, Wilmington Healthcare and Julie Riley - Divisional Director of Operations Neurology, The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust**

10.45 National Neurology and NHS Long Term Plan overview: **Sarah Vibert – CEO, Neurological Alliance**

Session One: Strategic influences

11.00 Applying RightCare pathways and resources to Neurology: **Vittoria Polito – Pathways Lead, NHS RightCare**

11.30 Vanguard update – what does the future look like for Neurology services? **Julie Riley**

12.00 **Table discussions**

The Long Term Plan – what does this mean for Neurology?

Feedback summary of key points/actions

Questions to speakers

12.45 Networking lunch

Session Two: Operational influences

13.15 Models of acute neurology care: **Prof Adrian Williams**

13.35 Variation in prescribing for MS: **Rachel Dorsey-Campbell – Senior Lead Pharmacist (Neurosciences), Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust**

13.50 Break and networking

14.05 **Table discussions**

***What does the data show us?
Addressing a high impact/low
recognition problem – headache example***

Feedback summary of key points/actions

Questions to speakers

15.00 Meeting summary and close: **Prof Adrian Williams**



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Booking information

To request a place at this meeting, please visit:

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Presentation overviews

National Neurology and NHS Long Term Plan overview

When the long term plan was published on 7th January, the Neurological Alliance welcomed the inclusion of a number of neurological conditions given specific priority within the long term plan. They also welcomed measures aiming to prevent emergency admissions, a focus on integrated and personalised care, initiatives that may enable better access to specialists, and the prioritization of mental health. Yet, the Alliance and others in the community have serious concerns that many neurological conditions are not included – and the word 'neurology' does not feature at all. Without any specific neuro-wide priority, many of the measures that could potentially benefit people with neurological conditions may not bring about the changes that are needed. As ever, people with neurological conditions may get lost in the very wide 'long term conditions' banner.

In parallel there are more national initiatives relating to neuroscience than ever before. The challenge for neurological community is how to ensure that regional and local decision makers – including the emerging Integrated Care Systems – make use of the newly available national data and toolkits in preparing their plans. This is all the more challenging without a national priority in the long term plan.

Applying RightCare pathways and resources to Neurology

NHS RightCare is a national NHS England/NHS Improvement supported programme committed to delivering the best care to patients, making the NHS's money go as far as possible and improving patient outcomes. One of the core elements of the programme is its intelligence arm, which provides local health economies with supporting data, tools and resources that can help identify priority improvement programmes and provides best practice evidence-based solutions to undertake transformational change. This presentation will highlight the current and forthcoming suite of neurology resources that the RightCare intelligence team has developed and will provide a focus on the pathways programme resources, specifically around headache & migraine, epilepsy and progressive neurological conditions.

Vanguard update – what does the future look like for Neurology services?

This presentation will explain neurology services post vanguard detailing the impacts from the programme. It will then look at the transition of these projects with additional projects to a Neurosciences Programme under the STP umbrella. A discussion on the tension between business as usual, service improvement, service transformation and innovation in neurology services within a financially constrained environment will also be explored.