

1. STP October Submission

The South West London STP was submitted to NHS England for assurance on Friday 21st October. Two of our local councils – Sutton and Merton – have published the draft STP on their websites. As national guidance is unchanged, we will not be publishing the STP on our websites until it has been through national assurance. We are currently updating our online summary, to take account of changes made to the initial draft STP, submitted in June. We hope to publish the summary and then the full plan as soon as possible, for discussion with local people.

Following publication of the plan, we received media calls from the HSJ and British Medical Journal and we have shared the below statement with them.

Kathryn Magson, SRO for the STP and Chief Accountable Officer of Richmond CCG, said:

“Our STP remains a draft document subject to national assurance by NHS England. We have worked with our local authority partners and across the NHS and we have been talking to local people for several years about the issues we are trying to tackle.

This draft reflects our current thinking but there is much more work to do. Once the national assurance process is complete, we will publish the full STP and engage in further discussion with local people as our detailed plans continue to develop.”

Cllr Ruth Dombey, Leader of Sutton Council, made the following statement on publishing the STP.

“The South West London Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) has been developed by a wide range of NHS partners across the area and there has been some strategic engagement by them with the public and other interested bodies. Boroughs have been informally updated on this work - and we welcome our NHS colleagues' recognition of the need to strengthen joint working to integrate services and improve outcomes for our residents. “ However, as boroughs, we are concerned that the NHS centrally has not allowed the publication of our STP and that this is raising worries about its content and the process around its development.

I am, therefore, publishing the South West London STP to increase transparency and support the development of robust plans that will deliver better services and outcomes across our area. “The six boroughs in South West London agree with our NHS colleagues that we need a much greater emphasis on prevention, self-care and integrated care as close to home as possible.

We also recognise that considerable further work is needed to develop the detailed plans to deliver these changes and to ensure that our residents are able to access high quality hospital care when they need it and where they need it. We look forward to working with our NHS colleagues as they develop their plans to ensure that all the residents in our area have access to excellent healthcare.”

The leaders of five of the local authorities in south london (Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth) have also written to Anne Rainsberry at NHSE about the south west London STP acknowledging the tight deadlines for submission and expressing their view that they would have preferred engagement with the public on the detail of the STP before it was submitted.

2. BBC Radio Surrey press query and coverage

On Thursday we received a media query from BBC Radio Surrey. They were covering the public meeting that was organised by (KOSHH) Keep Our St Helier Hospital. <http://koshh.org/important-public-meeting-20th-october-2016>

They asked to interview someone from the collaborative and/or for a statement they could use on air.

A full report is featured from 2:07:58 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p049ddpt> and includes an interview with local campaigner David Ash, an interview clip with Marilyn Plant recorded and used three years ago about the case for change and an interview with Mark Dayon, policy analyst from The Nuffield Trust. Our statement (below - issued on Thursday 20th) was also included.

A spokesperson for south west London Collaborative Commissioning said:

"The draft STP for south west London is still being finalised. A [summary](#) of our early thinking has been shared publicly, but the detail is still being added to and worked through.

"As the needs and expectations of our population change, we need to develop services that keep people well and treat them as close to home as possible. To do this we need to transform services outside hospital, as well as considering how we provide even better, high quality and sustainable care for those who need hospital care.

A good deal of further work and public engagement will be needed before we are in a position to understand what this may mean for hospital care in south west London."

The STP will be submitted to NHSE tomorrow for assurance and will be published once it has been assured.

3. Planning for publication and future engagement

We are now putting in place our publication plan for both the STP and our summary of it. This includes expanding our STP communications resource for the next period, during which we will be ramping up our external and internal communications programme and preparing for potential public consultation. This includes holding Health and Care Forums in each Borough and we are now procuring support for these events.