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# Strategic Projects News Update

Welcome to the monthly update from NHS East of England's Strategic Projects Team (SPT). The Team is part of the Strategy Directorate and works in partnership with NHS organisations to develop and deliver positive change for services in the east of England. Working closely with the healthcare marketplace and all stakeholders, we develop, support and deliver transactions that drive up the quality of patient experience, safety and care, clinical excellence, public service and value for money.

## Evaluation, evaluation, evaluation

Circle and Serco Health (in partnership with Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) have progressed to the next stage in the search for a new operating partner for Hinchingsbrooke hospital, making their Invitation to Participate in Dialogue stage 2 (ITPD2) submission by the required 26 July deadline.

Ramsay Health Care UK chose to submit a bid outside of the guidelines detailed in ITPD2, and consequently, it was not possible for its bid to be evaluated, and it has not been taken to the invitation to tender (ITT) stage. We thank all participants for the considerable time, energy and ideas they have invested to date.

The evaluation team, comprising subject matter experts from NHS Cambridgeshire, Hinchingsbrooke Health Care NHS Trust, NHS East of England, GPs and the wider stakeholder community, now have until w/c 27 September to evaluate the heavyweight submissions. See the strat facts below to get a feel of just what this entails!

The evaluation consists of much more than 'marking' the written responses. There are board to board interviews and interviews with the stakeholder panel sub group and another with GPs. At these meetings, bidders will make presentations and then respond to a myriad of probing questions. The two companies left in the running are very big players, and we expect not just impressive evidence of their

credentials and suitability, but really detailed and innovative plans about how they will make Hinchingsbrooke sustainable for the future.

## Diary date double-up

With an eye on QIPP (Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention) requirements to work smarter and more efficiently, it has been agreed to merge the Hinchingsbrooke Next Steps public meeting in Huntingdon, scheduled for 20th October, with the stakeholder meeting on the 27th, also in Huntingdon. The new 'stakeholder panel and public meeting' is being held at 2pm on Wednesday 27th October at Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, PE29 3TN.

In the meantime, we hope to see you at the public meeting in St Ives on Thursday 23 September, 6pm, at the Corn Exchange, The Pavement, PE27 5AG. An agenda for the meeting will soon be appearing on the SPT website at: [http://www.strategicprojectseo.co.uk/index.php?id\\_sec=98](http://www.strategicprojectseo.co.uk/index.php?id_sec=98)

## Terrific tome

The Strategic Projects Team is helping NHS Luton and NHS Bedfordshire find a new home for their community services, Luton Community Services (LCS) and Bedfordshire Community Health Services (BCHS), in time for the Department of Health's divestment deadline of April 2011.

Members of the divestments project team have been working with our clients this month polishing off the managed dialogue prospectus.

The team, including representatives from practice based commissioners, local authorities, staff side and clinical, worked collaboratively to compile the document which topped 100 pages. The prospectus gives a factual snapshot of BCHS and LCS's current suite of services and the commissioning environment, as well as outlining the requirements through the prospectus questions. Copious papers, reports, strategies and plans have also been added to our online data room, so prospective acquirers can see all support information in more detail.

The potential acquirers now have until 29 September to answer the 50+ questions in the prospectus, demonstrating how they will build on the achievements of these two organisations to deliver the very best community health care to patients in these areas.

## New e-newsletters on the block

There's a new e-newsletter on the streets, NHS Luton and NHS Bedfordshire Next Steps Now, giving an update on the divestment project. In this first edition, readers can find a whistle-stop summary of the process, the activities of the stakeholder group and examples of stakeholder engagement in the process. To see a copy, visit: [http://www.strategicprojectseoe.co.uk/newsletters/nsn\\_lb\\_aug10/](http://www.strategicprojectseoe.co.uk/newsletters/nsn_lb_aug10/)

Our second new e-newsletter, launched on 24 August, focuses on the progress of the Transforming Pathology project. The first edition highlights the work being undertaken to develop key performance indicators for the pathology services of the future, and a 'behind the mask' look at Strategic Projects Team member Dr Hemal Desai. To see a copy, visit: [www.strategicprojectseoe.co.uk/index.php?id\\_sec=108](http://www.strategicprojectseoe.co.uk/index.php?id_sec=108)

## Open for discussion – pathology service delivery models

The Transforming Pathology project is reviewing the delivery of pathology services in the east of England in response to the Carter recommendations and the regional QIPP programme.

Following the success of our workshop on 19 May, during which highly constructive debate started to clear the way for the future of pathology services, we are holding a second event on Tuesday 7 September to test possible service delivery model options with GPs and commissioners, to ensure they are fit for purpose and meet their needs.

The workshop, being held in Cambridge's Homerton College, 9am - 4.45pm, will once again be expertly facilitated by colleagues from the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement. There are still spaces available so if you are a local practice based commissioner or pathology services commissioner, and would like to play a role in these exciting developments, contact us on 0800 923 3001 or via [strategic.projects@eoe.nhs.uk](mailto:strategic.projects@eoe.nhs.uk).

## Pathology progress - Spectrum of tests for future success

The Transforming Pathology project board is determined to engage all stakeholders in developing a range of key performance indicators (KPIs) for the pathology services of the future. As a start, clinicians and laboratory staff across the region were asked to suggest measurable and appropriate KPIs - and we are pleased to tell you that they have responded magnificently!

Dr Stuart Shields, a leading local GP from Peterborough, is a member of the Project Board. He is taking the lead now in working with pathology colleagues and GPs to develop these suggestions into suitable KPIs, which will be used to test accurately the delivery of high quality pathology services throughout the East of England.

## Strat facts

About the Hinchingsbrooke Next Steps Invitation to Participate in Dialogue (stage 2):

- Total size of ITPD2 bid submissions – 480.53MB
- No of evaluators – 54
- Total no of pages of ITPD2 bid submissions – 3,675 pages (excluding financial models)

Phew (and thank you)!

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