

# East Staffordshire CCG Briefing

**October 2017**

**Welcome to our quarterly briefing for October 2017.**

In this briefing we cover:

- CCG Annual Assessment
- Departure of Nicky Harkness
- Antibiotics Campaign
- Stay Well
- NHS England Consultation

## **CCG Annual Assessment by NHS England**

The CCG has received its NHS England Assessment Rating for 2016/17. We are pleased to be able to report that the CCG has been rated overall as GOOD. Whilst the assessment regime has been changed and this is not an “apple to apple” comparison with previous years it does constitute an improvement on our previous assessments and reflects the hard work and skill deployed by the CCG’s leadership, staff and CSU and other partners to improve things for patients, within the available resources.

## **Departure of Chief Operating Officer Nicky Harkness**

Nicky Harkness, the CCG’s Chief Operating Officer; and previously Head of Transformation and Commissioning has now left the CCG to take up a career progression in Leicestershire. We would like to share our sincere appreciation for the work that Nicky has done in her 5 year career with East Staffordshire CCG.



## Winter Planning

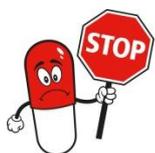
Providers and commissioners from both health and social care have been working together through late summer and early autumn to create the winter plan for Staffordshire. This plan is in place to support the urgent care system over the winter period from November 2017 through to early April 2018, when we know that demand for services increases. Our CCG Primary Care team are supporting the plan as they work towards providing additional support for patients throughout the winter.

## Stay Well

The national Stay Well This Winter campaign is now live, and is currently focussing on increasing the uptake of the flu vaccine, with a specific emphasis on pregnant women, parents of children aged 2-3 and people with long term health conditions (i.e. lung, kidney or heart disease, diabetes, and some other conditions). You can find out more about the campaign here [www.nhs.uk/staywell](http://www.nhs.uk/staywell) If you would like any information for your own newsletters in East Staffordshire please contact [Nikki.critchlow@nhs.net](mailto:Nikki.critchlow@nhs.net)

## Antibiotics Campaign

The CCG have launched their campaign to raise awareness of Antibiotic Resistance, and the challenges this brings. The latest press release can be accessed via the [CCG website](#). Over the forthcoming weeks we will be sharing updates and short video clips via our social media channels – can I please encourage you to share these if you can. If you have any queries, or would like any information to share in your own East Staffordshire newsletters, please contact [Nikki.critchlow@nhs.net](mailto:Nikki.critchlow@nhs.net) or call 07540 669512.



and **think**, are **antibiotics**  
really **necessary**?



## **NHS England Consultation**

The NHS England consultation on the proposed national guidance for CCGs on medicines which can be considered to be of low priority for NHS funding is due to close on October 21<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't shared your feedback yet, please take the time to do so. Background information and the consultation document can be found on the [NHS England website](#).

**Our next quarterly CCG briefing will be issued in December 2017. If you have any comments or if there are any items you would like to see covered, please contact [nikki.critchlow@nhs.net](mailto:nikki.critchlow@nhs.net) or call 07540 669512.**

