

## **Vanessa Barrett Briefing for Board meeting 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

The local HW across West Midlands meet once a quarter with Chris Gorman and others from HWE as appropriate. At the meeting in June, Miriam Coffie from NHSE/I spoke about a renewed initiative to promote effective discharge from acute hospitals. She said this brings together three existing policies on Virtual Wards, Criteria-led Discharges (i.e. patients don't have to wait until the next consultant ward visit) and Discharge Production Boards (a visual reminder for staff of the stage of the patient's progress towards discharge). When Enter and View visits recommence at the hospital, it will be interesting to monitor progress on improving the quality of discharges. She also mentioned two related national campaigns: for patients "When am I going home?" and for staff "Where Best Next?"

I continue to monitor the board papers for SaTH and ShropComm, and send a few notes of anything I think relevant to Lynn.

NHSE/I continues to hold monthly meetings of SOAG (Safety, Oversight & Assurance Group) to monitor SaTH's response to the various CQC concerns. In May they requested a briefing paper from HWS on our report on the public's experiences of using NHS111. We took the opportunity to describe the way HWS develops its work programme from the comments received from the public, because there are so many SOAG members who are unfamiliar with how we work. HWS was also asked to contribute to this month's meeting, because of our report on the children and young people's experiences of crisis mental health services.

There were some (on-line) meetings arranged by SaTH which I attended. These included a second session of the 'Public Assurance' board, chaired by David Brown (NED); a session to discuss aspects of the Trust's strategy for the next five years; as well as the quarterly meeting of both local HW and the CHC with various members of the senior executive team (depending on topic). The Ockenden Review Assurance Committee (ORAC) was paused for a couple of months after receipt of the final report but recommences on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

I have attended some routine HWS sessions such as the Intelligence Committee, a review of some of our policies and the Business Committee. We also met with HW T&W and Traverse to continue discussions on a Memorandum of Understanding between the two HW and, separately, one with the Integrated Care System.