



## **West Yorkshire and Harrogate Local Workforce Action Board (LWAB)**

### **Comms Briefing**

#### **27<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

The seventh meeting of the West Yorkshire LWAB, co-chaired by Dr Ros Tolcher and Mike Curtis, took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> June. The group noted that membership of the LWAB is continually being reviewed, with a recognition of gaps around AHPs and the voluntary and independent sectors. The LWAB welcomes any suggestions for new members to represent these groups.

Sandra Knight described progress with the regional Excellence Centre which will deliver provider-driven good quality care for the support workforce. A detailed work plan for the five different priority areas now exists; these include apprenticeship growth across the STP, primary care development and shared training resources. Sandra acknowledged that broader engagement with voluntary sector and social care is key.

Operating department practitioners (ODPs) are a key focus of Phillip Marshall's registered workforce work stream; there is under-recruitment to the course provided in our region by the University of Huddersfield but also a shortage of clinical placements. Phillip is sharing information with providers re the requirements for these placements to increase numbers.

Dr Andrew Sixsmith raised the topic of 'primary care home', which include a full spectrum of general practice, community, local authority, community pharmacy and diagnostic services. The developing of the general practice workforce and then onwards into the primary care home workforce is a planned integration that is fundamental to the primary and community care work stream strategy plan.

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017**

The eighth meeting of the West Yorkshire LWAB, co-chaired by Dr Ros Tolcher and deputy co-chair Jon Hossain, Deputy Postgraduate Dean took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August.

At this meeting of the LWAB the group were updated by Chris Mannion on progress with the development of a workforce strategy for West Yorkshire & Harrogate followed by a discussion and feedback on a draft of the document. Good progress with this work was recognised and areas for further development were identified. The membership of the LWAB agreed that it would be helpful to share the current draft with the relevant workforce forums in each of the six places across our STP for further feedback and engagement.

There has been a recent process to identify and select workforce initiatives to receive funding support from the LWAB and the group discussed and confirmed those investment decisions. Examples of successful schemes include the Excellence Centre and a project to promote registered careers across the STP. It was agreed that in future any resources available to the LWAB should be allocated using the workforce strategy to help inform and prioritise areas for investment.

Looking ahead the LWAB is making plans for holding a stakeholder engagement event with the aim of ensuring further and better engagement with all parts of the system. This event will be a full day, hosted by the chairs of the LWAB and with involvement from the work stream leads and others. The full programme and content is in development and the event will likely be held towards the end of the year – date to be confirmed.

The next meeting of the LWAB is on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017. For any queries please contact [lwabs.yh@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:lwabs.yh@hee.nhs.uk).