

## Stroke Update

The Board is aware that the Trust initiated an external review of the stroke service as a result of concerns about the ability of the service to comply with national audit standards and also internal concerns about the workforce. It was also recognised that there were potentially significant changes in the way that strokes would be managed in the future and thus PHT needed to place itself in an advantageous position by demonstrating that it had a high quality service.

The Board supported the Stroke service development plan and this was initiated by an interim project manager who provide an action plan and gained support from stakeholders. The resource required to deliver the original plan was substantial and as a result of the Trust financial position this plan was modified but still received £450k for 2015 / 16. The project plan is very aware of the long term goal for the project of ensuring that we become a national hyperacute stroke unit that includes the population of West Sussex and possibly the Isle of Wight as well.

The stroke recovery plan has a senior governance structure:

- Trust Board approval of plan
- NED involvement
- Regular Executive support and involvement for delivery of plan
- Appointment of relevant clinical and business leads to deliver the plan

The key achievements of the plan to date are;

- Appointment of clinical lead
- Appointment of administration / project lead
- Ring- fencing of stroke beds
- Identification of hyper-acute stroke area within the unit
- Approval for nursing, medical and therapy staff to improve the service
- Identification of an area for stroke / TIA outpatient service
- Improvement in stroke metrics
- Improvement in compliance with national audit metrics

Latest position

- i) There has been a further resignation of a stroke consultant and thus there will be a further recruitment campaign to replace him. There is a stroke trainee in the area and we will try to encourage this individual to apply here.
- ii) We have been approached by the Isle of Wight to help them provide a stroke service

Request: Support from the Board for further development of the Stroke service and delivery of the action plan