Developing Primary Care in the BLMK Accountable Care System

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Dear Colleague,

This is the first in a series of e-newsletters that allows us to report across the STP on progress in developing primary care and to signpost you to what support and development is available to practices and networks of practices within BLMK. This complements and aims to enhance the existing support you continue to receive from your CCG primary care teams and other sources e.g. the LMC.

Local Developments

There are now four defined 'places' areas within our network along Local Authority boundaries; they are: Luton, Milton Keynes, Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire. Each place comprises different networks of GP practices (also known as clusters or neighbourhoods) potentially working together, please see Fig 1. for more information.

We are pleased to report that a number of the BLMK clusters/practices have been designated as 'Deep Learning Sites' by the National Association of Primary Care (NAPC). These are the central Bedfordshire localities, Kingsway and Medics clusters and Newport Pagnell practice. This designation enables structured support to adopt the Primary Care Home model and access to a range of materials and expertise. We would encourage other clusters/neighbourhoods to join the NAPC community of practice programme. If you are interested in developing your skillset further the STP will be happy to support you in making and completing the application. Details can be found here or please contact Mike Thompson, Programme Director via mike.thompson1@nhs.net.

In Milton Keynes, the practices have been through a developmental process to agree, in September, the makeup of their 'neighbourhood' groups of practices. In addition the MK GP Federation has continued to form and a new CEO, Andrew Harrington, has been appointed and will begin full time in the New Year.

In Bedfordshire the Ivel Valley locality has begun work to develop a workforce modelling tool to support implementation of new models of care. This is being done in collaboration with the SE Luton cluster and supported by national bodies as a potential pilot for the rest of the country. In addition Leighton Buzzard has been selected to receive targeted national support to accelerate the PCH model; initial work will focus on care homes.

In Luton the clusters are actively engaged with the development of the Luton Provider Alliance, looking at how this will operate within the new system and the CCG and Luton

Borough Council are beginning the processes of integrating their commissioning functions following the agreement of a 'Concordat' in June .

Bedfordshire and Luton practices will recently have received a letter from Dr Peter Graves of the LMC. We are in regular communication with Peter and support the encouragement in his letter for practices and clusters to engage in the development of the accountable care system.

Resources to Support Primary Care

With CCG colleagues we are developing a website that brings together all available support resources for practices and networks/clusters/neighbourhoods. This will include education, training and Organisational Development opportunities as well as resources relating to new models of care for example case studies, job descriptions, workforce initiatives, data and analytics. The website will be live in the New Year. A selection of the materials is available here;

- Care Navigators
- Whole Population Modelling
- Developing MDTs
- MCP Contract
- Integrated Care Community

Some examples of job descriptions are also available;

- Clinical Pharmacist
- General Practitioner with Interest in the Care of Older People
- Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist
- Falls Coordinator
- Clinical Specialist Intermediate Care

As noted above membership of NAPC also brings a range of support materials and shared learning and we have access to Dr Johnny Marshall, a GP in Bucks who has considerable experience in developing the PCH model.

For more information on the range of resources available to support practices and localities/neighbourhoods, or to discuss how we might develop a support package for your locality, please contact Mike.thompson1@nhs.net.

If you'd like more information on the planned website, the workforce, education and training activities, or to be involved in this please contact Susi Clarke @ susi.clarke@bedfordshireccg.nhs.uk .

Incentive Scheme

The STP recognises that primary care, and the model of enhanced primary care (Primary Care Home) is the building block of the new system and has allocated significant transformational funding for 2017/18. We are devising a scheme that supports and rewards, localities/clusters/ neighbourhoods to adopt the characteristics of primary care home, for example:

- sharing infrastructure or staff,
- reviewing risk based data,
- active recruitment of new roles,
- engaging in information sharing agreements,
- Multidisciplinary team working.

The proposal is being worked up during November and will operate in quarter 4 of this financial year, i.e. between Jan-March 18.

It has been a fast moving few months since I took up my role in June 2017. I hope that you are able to see demonstrable support and funding starting to come into primary care to build the service into one which is rewarding to work within and resilient for the future.

Thank you to all those who have given time to meet with me so far and I hope to get to meet more of you in the next few months.

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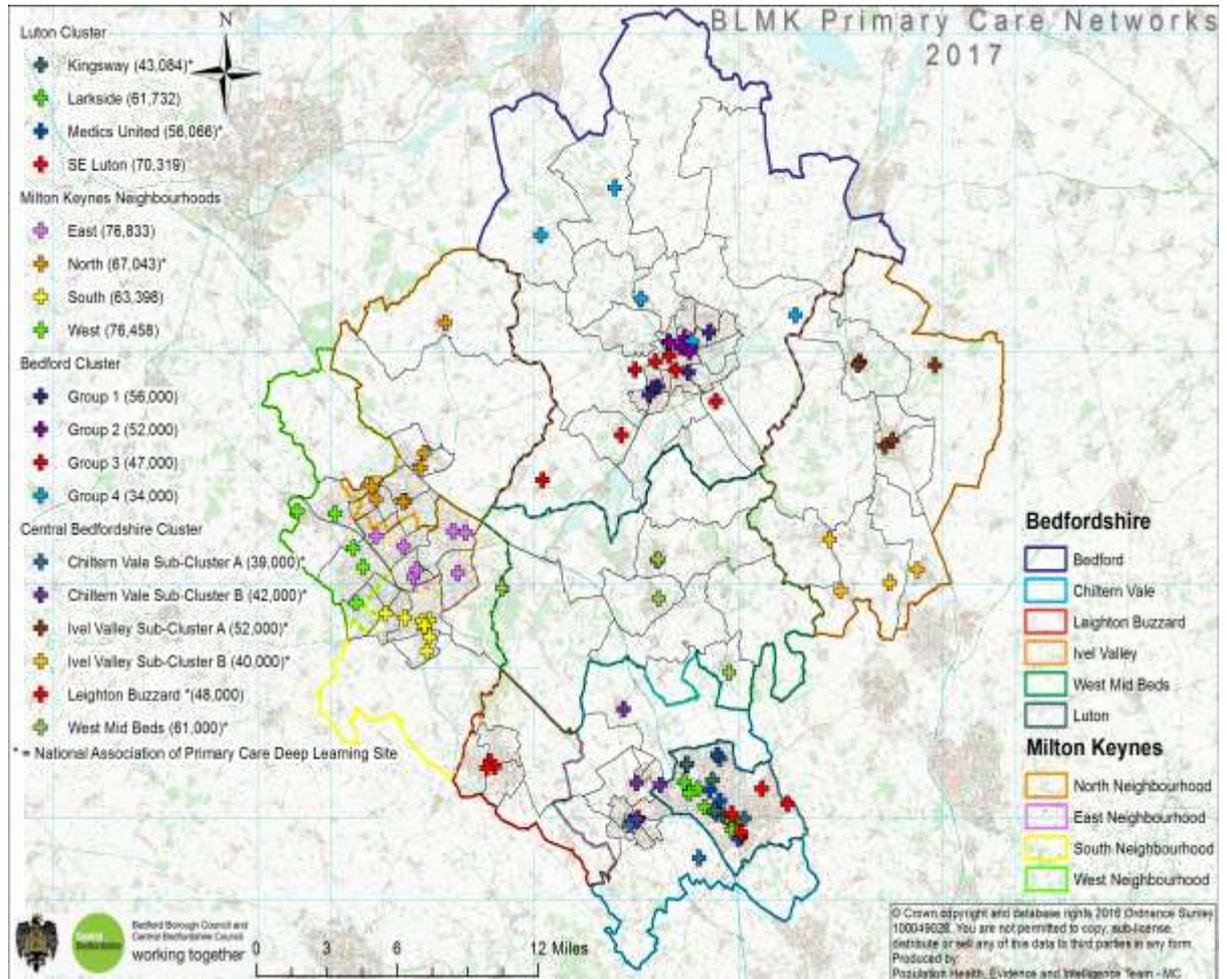

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