

# Strategic Clinical Network and Senate e-bulletin Issue 2

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## Welcome!

Welcome to the second edition of the Yorkshire and the Humber Strategic Clinical Networks (SCNs) and Senate e-bulletin.

April and the start of the new financial year saw the second year of operation for Strategic Clinical Networks and the Senate. The pace of SCN and Senate work continues to increase, as we move from establishing how these new organisations will work, to providing support to those seeking to change and improve care throughout Yorkshire and the Humber.

As is traditional an annual report has been prepared for the SCNs and Senate and a business plan developed to guide and describe the work ahead. Both these documents will be circulated more widely shortly but if you would like a copy, please [email](#) the SCN and Senate Support Team. When the SCN and Senate websites are established (*see below*) they will also be available there.

If you would like more information regarding the content of this bulletin, or the Yorkshire and the Humber Strategic Clinical Networks and Senate, please click [here](#) to email us with your queries and we will be happy to assist. If you feel other colleagues would benefit from this bulletin they can subscribe by emailing with the words 'Subscribe to Bulletin' in the subject line.

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## Latest News

### Websites within Weeks!

The SCN and Senate websites are being created and will be on-line by the end of June. The communications complexities associated with structures in the new NHS may have led to a long gestation, but the long-awaited websites will become the key portal to information about the work of SCNs and the Senate.

The existing temporary Senate website featured in the last bulletin will migrate to the new system.

### Social Media

To provide (very) up-to-date information about the work of SCNs and the Senate, two Twitter feeds have been set up to provide news as it happens.

Although recently established, the SCN feed has nearly 200 followers already. Join in at: [@NHS\\_YHSCN](#) and [@YHSenate](#)

### GP Input to SCNs

Having established a number of clinical leads from specialist backgrounds to work with the SCN and Senate Support team, we are keen to strengthen clinical input from primary care to the work of SCNs.

Descriptions of the roles and skills being sought, and contact details for further discussion, will be circulated via SCN communication processes and via CCG contacts.

## Headlines from the Strategic Clinical Networks

In each edition, we will provide a summary of the key news and events for each of the SCN areas, along with links to further information and contacts. More detail will be provided in the SCN specific bulletins produced and circulated throughout the year.

## **Cancer**

### **Yorkshire and the Humber SCN Tripartite Clinical Engagement**

The development in April 2013 of the new SCN has created opportunities to be explored for clinical teams to work on a Yorkshire and Humber-wide footprint. Cancer Clinical Leads from the SCN are undertaking engagement work with Network Site Specific Groups, Clinical Engagement Groups and other Lead Clinicians to implement a new structure around clinical meetings.

These discussions will explore options for reducing the total number of meetings per year, exploring the idea of moving to one annual full-day Yorkshire and the Humber educational/business meeting, supplemented by one meeting for each of the current groups. Further updates will be provided as meeting arrangements are confirmed.

For more information on SCN work in Cancer please contact [Lisa Marriott](#)

## **Children's and Maternity (C&M)**

### **Meeting Trust Clinical Teams**

The SCN Clinical Leads and support team are in the process of arranging visits to each of the provider trusts across the Yorkshire and the Humber footprint. The aim of these visits is to meet the Trust Clinical Leads and Managers responsible for Children's and Maternity Services and to begin to discuss the SCN work programme and to identify work the SCN may be able to support in line with this work programme.

The aim is to visit each of the Trusts by the end of June 2014. Please contact [Emma Andrews](#) (Children's) or [Hilary Farrow](#) (Maternity) for further information.

For more information on SCN work in Children's and Maternity please contact [Clare Hillitt](#).

## **Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)**

## **Renal**

### **Renal Stakeholder Event**

The Yorkshire & Humber CVD SCN hosted a multi-stakeholder event for Renal Services on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Please contact [Kath Cope](#) for a copy of the event report.

### **Dates for your Diaries**

There are a number of renal care events in Yorkshire and the Humber coming up soon:

- Shared Haemodialysis Care Learning Event, Tue 3 Jun, Leeds
- Acute Kidney Injury Regional Forum, Mon 16 Jun, Leeds

For more details, or to book a place, please contact [Kath Cope](#).

## **Stroke**

### **Peer Review of Stroke Services**

Visits have been planned and arranged with those Trusts still requiring full accreditation as well as annual re review visits to those previously accredited during 2012/13. The SCN's role is to provide recommendations to commissioners regarding whether their local stroke services are continuing to deliver high quality care for stroke patients.

For further information please contact [Adele Graham](#), Quality Improvement Manager for Stroke.

For more information on SCN work in CVD please contact [Julia Jessop](#).

## **Mental Health, Dementia and Neurological Conditions (MHDN)**

### **Dementia**

#### **Become a Dementia Friend**

People living with dementia experience high levels of stigma, isolation and lack of awareness and understanding of the condition among the wider population. The [Dementia Friendly Communities scheme](#), supported by the SCN, aims to make everyday life better for people with dementia by changing the way people think, talk and act.

To promote better care and support for those affected by dementia, encourage your colleagues to become a Dementia Friend. We can offer short Dementia Friends awareness sessions within the workplace - contact [Penny Kirk](#) find out more. We will provide links to further information and resources as these are released under the scheme.

#### **Carers of People with Dementia - Event in June**

The SCN is collaborating with the Academic Health Science Network to run an event focused on improving access to information for carers of people with dementia on 6<sup>th</sup> June at the Hilton Hotel in York. To book a place, please contact [Kirste Mellish](#).

### **Mental Health**

#### **Mental Health Crisis Concordat**

The newly published [Mental Health Crisis Concordat](#) (MHCC) sets out the expectations for local partnerships including health, local authorities and criminal justice in terms of working together; authored and agreed by over 30 organisations across the statutory and voluntary sectors.

The SCN is meeting with all three CCG Commissioning Collaboratives over the next couple of months to share intelligence from national clinical directors on the Concordat and to propose how some of these actions could be managed collaboratively on a 'do once and share' basis.

A Yorkshire and the Humber Mental Health Crisis Concordat event is being held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July in Leeds and if you would like to register for a place please click [here](#).

For more information on this work, please contact [James Barnes](#).

For more information on SCN work in MHDN please contact [Alison Bagnall](#)

### **Senate News**

The Yorkshire and the Humber Clinical Senate is a source of independent strategic clinical advice for commissioners, supporting commissioners to make the best decisions about health care for the populations they represent.

#### **(Temporary) Website Now Available**

In advance of the launch of the full Senate web site, currently being written, we have created a temporary site to provide access to information about, and the products of, the Senate in Yorkshire and the Humber. Click [here](#) to see it.

## Senate Council

The Senate held its first Council meeting in March and made significant progress in agreeing its ways of working. The Council, the overarching body to steer and organise the work of the Senate, will meet bi-monthly and a schedule of future dates has been set.

Future meetings will be held, in part, in public, which should be in place in readiness for the July meeting. A campaign to secure the patient and public voice on the Council is underway.

The agenda and minutes from this first Council meeting can be found on the [temporary website](#).

## Work Programme

The Senate is currently engaged with 6 requests from commissioners for support and advice. Early discussions are underway with the commissioning sponsors to agree how the Senate can best assist.

*The Senate produces its own quarterly e- bulletin which contains more detailed information on developments. Issue 2 is due out in May. If you did not receive the first edition but would like to receive future bulletins please contact [Joanne Poole](#).*

## Links and Partner Organisations

SCN and Senate on Twitter: follow at [@NHS\\_YHSCN](#) and [@YHSenate](#)

The Yorkshire and Humber [Academic Health Science Network](#).

NHS Improving Quality is the national support body for clinical improvement work. Click [here](#) for their web site.

The NHS England web site provides background information on the work of [SCNs](#) and [Senates](#)

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