

## **Chairman's announcement**

### **Commissioning for Better Outcomes Peer Challenge**

A Commissioning for Better Outcomes Peer Challenge took place in Wiltshire Council between 17<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017. One of the three key priorities set out in the Council's 2013-2017 Business Plan is: "To Protect Those Who Are Most Vulnerable". In addition, one of the key actions the Council is taking to deliver these priorities is to continue to improve our safeguarding services to protect the most vulnerable in our Communities. One of the outcomes the Council is delivering is "People in Wiltshire have healthy, active and high-quality lives". Better commissioning on outcomes will mean more vulnerable people with long-term conditions can choose to stay independent and keep living in their own homes.

Commissioning is the local authority's cyclical activity to assess the needs of its local population for care and support services that will be arranged by the authority, then designing, delivering, monitoring and evaluating those services to ensure appropriate outcomes. The focus of high quality commissioning is on local people, health and wellbeing: achieving good outcomes with people using evidence, local knowledge, skills and resources to best effect. This means working in partnership across the health and social care system to promote health and wellbeing and prevent, as far as is possible, the need for health and social care.

Peer review is a constructive, collaborative and supportive process which has the central aim of helping councils improve. It is not an inspection, nor does it award any form of rating category. The peer challenge team included experts from other councils, providers and CCGs and looked at our work to ensure commissioning is:

- Person-centred and outcome focused
- Well led
- Promotes a sustainable and diverse market

The team interviewed a wide range of partners (including many Health and Wellbeing Board members) and Wiltshire Council is very grateful for everyone's input. Initial findings have been broadly positive with constructive suggestions for improvement and the full report of the peer team will come to the next Health and Wellbeing Board.

### **Shingles Vaccination**

NHS England will provide a brief update on the latest position on uptake of the shingles vaccination by those over 70 years old in Wiltshire.