

BPA IMB Chair's Blog – March 2019

February's BPA Integrated Management Board (IMB) meeting focused on the New Model of Care for Diabetes. In attendance to support the discussion on Diabetes were Dr Waqas Tahir – a clinician who is Senior Responsible Officer for reforming Diabetes care in the Bradford system; Kath Helliwell - Head of Commissioning for Long Term Conditions at Bradford CCGs; Alison Smith, Head of Partnerships at Bradford Teaching Hospitals; and Amy Paffett - Senior Finance Manager for the CCGs.



Discussion centred on the New Model of Care which is being developed to support delivering care closer to home to patients with both newly diagnosed and existing Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. Patients requiring specialist consultant care will receive this through the Acute Hospital.

In addition to treating, educating and supporting people with Diabetes to stay well, the model also focuses on prevention; the ambition is to reduce the number of people developing Diabetes in Bradford District and to reduce the number of people who experience medical complications associated with diabetes.

The model is being developed by Health and Care providers across all disciplines who contribute towards the current and future Diabetes service. This allows those experts to shape the future service ensuring that the best care possible is being delivered.

New pathways are being developed which include:

- pathways for patients with a new diagnosis of diabetes
- Oral medication pathway
- Intensification pathway for patients requiring additional support

The BPA committed to supporting a transformed model that will deliver better outcomes, reduce inequalities, improve value for money and better integrate services across the system.

Further communication regarding the Diabetes New Model of Care will be shared through BPA communications channels to public, patient and provider groups in the coming months.