Overview of Clinical Senates

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“The Senate, an assembly of some three hundred of Rome’s great and good, generally acknowledged - even by those not in it - to be both the conscience and the guiding intelligence of the Republic. Membership of this elite was determined not automatically by birth but by achievement and reputation.....This gave to the Senate’s deliberations immense moral weight, and even though its decrees never had the technical force of law, it was a brave or foolish magistrate who chose to ignore them”
King’s Fund. “Never again? The story of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.” Nicholas Timmins
Purpose of Clinical Senates

• Ensure future clinical configurations of services are based on the considered views of local clinicians and in the best interests of patients.
• Span professions and include representatives of patients, volunteers and other groups.
• Organisationally agnostic
• Able to take a broader, strategic view on the totality of healthcare within a particular geographical area.
Benefits of Working with Senates

• Provide a level of clinical scrutiny and transparency to the process, sense checking thinking and challenging assumptions
• Provide a clear senior clinical appreciation of options without fear of partisan bias
• Provide additional and important assurance to stakeholders in readiness for consultation
• Awareness of the wider strategic context and ensure plans align with this
• Help to provide clinical consensus where lacking
Challenging

Channel

Credible

1 Champion
Courage

Clinical
Senates
collaborative

Commissioners
Critical
Friend

Conscience
Accountability & Governance

• Agreed Terms of Reference
• Agree publications
• Work on behalf of commissioners
• Manage conflicts of interest
• Judicial review
Structure

- Council
- Assembly
- Management Team
- Stakeholders
Northern System Working

- Greater Manchester “Healthier Together”
- Durham, Darlington and Tees “Better Health”
- West, North and East Cumbria Success Regime
- Liverpool Women’s Hospital
- Transforming Mental Health Services programme in North Yorkshire
Past Publications

- West, North and East Cumbria Success Regime
- Bradford Provider Alliance “A Diabetes Model of Care”
- Specialised Commissioners “Model for Pancreatic Cancer Surgical Services”
- Morecambe Bay “Better Care Together”
- Fylde & Wyre Community Dermatology
- Greater Manchester Integrated Stroke Service
- Newcastle-Gateshead CCG “Deciding Together” – review of mental health reconfiguration proposals
- Paramedic skill-mixing in the rural Durham Dales
- Assisted Reproduction Unit in Hartlepool
- Urgent Care services across North Tyneside
Current Work

• Central Lancs “Our Health Our Care” Programme
• Morecambe Bay Maternity Services
• Liverpool Women’s Hospital Services
• Emergency and Urgent Care Services across Mid Yorkshire
• Community service provision for Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven CCG
• West Yorkshire Hyper Acute Stroke Services
• Review of proposals for Midwife-Led Units in rural Northumberland
Future...

• STP facing, via DCO teams
• Support NHSE reconfiguration processes
• Support STP plans/delivery to get to newer models of care
• Provide clinical support to STP clinical teams, alongside NHSE DCO and NHSI teams

“Senates’ time is now”
(Sir Bruce Keogh, April 2017)
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