

Leading Together:

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Clinical Leadership Event

Hampshire LOC were delighted to be invited to “Leading Together: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Clinical Leadership Event” on Thursday 21st November. Alongside the LOC there were representatives from many areas of healthcare including (but not limited to) general practice, pharmacy, dentistry, public health, ophthalmology and cardiology.

Considering the recent Darzi Review and subsequent updated NHS government policy, the group gathered to discuss how HIOW can support and implement the three key changes:

- Moving care from hospitals to communities
- Making better use of technology in health and care
- Focusing on preventing sickness, not just treating it

The aging population and increase in patients with multi-morbidities was highlighted as growing faster in HIOW than England as whole. People living in coastal areas and areas of deprivation across the county were highlighted as having worse health and spending more years in poor health prior to retirement.

The importance of using appropriate evidence, when decision making, collaborating, listening to one another, and using feedback were key messages in Professor Jason Leitch’s presentation on learning from Scotland. Scotland has travelled the journey we are now on, so there is much we can learn from them.

Digital, Data and Technology Strategy

There was workshop on ‘Analogue to Digital’ facilitated by neurologist Dr Ashwin Pinto where optometry was raised as a real communication challenge. There was a powerful desire within the group for direct referrals, bypassing GPs where GP action is not required, and it was highlighted that not all community optical providers have access to NHS.net let alone eRS. Also highlighted were challenges creating future shared care / collaboration if OCT images taken in community cannot be appropriately reviewed by colleagues in hospitals. The LOC urged focus on these basic communication areas as a priority before considering more complex topics.

