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Welcome

As many of you will know, Coventry and Rugby GP Alliance was set up over a year ago in order to ensure that General Practice remains at the heart of our health economy.

We have met with the majority of practices since then and I hope we were able to explain to you where the Alliance currently is in terms of development and what it is offering in the future.

As well as securing an additional £4 million worth of funding as part of the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund, we have already achieved a considerable amount in a short space of time.

In our first year, we have been successful in winning a tender for CEPN (Community Education Provider Networks). This is for the formation of a Primary Care Academy and provision of student practice nurse training, as well as being successful in bidding for 5 post-CCT GP fellowships for the area from the West Midlands Deanery which we'll be appointing in the coming months.

We are also providing the Admiral Dementia Specialist Nurse Service across Coventry and Rugby and we have also taken on responsibility to provide care home flu vaccinations within Coventry.

This is just the beginning. The Alliance is only as strong as its membership which we hope will continue to grow and help us achieve our overall aim of improving primary care services in Coventry and Rugby.

Kind regards

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping 'A' followed by a smaller, more complex flourish.

Dr Alastair Bryce
Chair, Coventry & Rugby
GP Alliance

About us

Coventry and Rugby GP Alliance aims to enhance the delivery of health and care services to our local population.



The Alliance has a Board of Directors made up of GPs and senior NHS employees with more than 200 years of experience.

We currently have 60% of General Practices in Coventry and Rugby signed up as members who collectively serve more than 260,000 patients and our membership is continuing to grow. Our members remain independent organisations but collaborate in the further development of local primary care.

The Alliance firmly believes that this model of collaborative working is the most desirable for our patients with practices enjoying many benefits of being part of a collective organisation.



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Vision and values

Coventry and Rugby GP Alliance shares and promotes the best of modern medicine and looks for innovative solutions to the challenges we face.

The Alliance believes that by coming together we can better develop skills and consistency not traditionally available in General Practice to deliver improved services to our community.

The following vision and values are the principles that we work to:

- » Protect, improve and extend local General Practice through greater organisational scale to provide convenient high quality, comprehensive and integrated services
- » Enhance the skills and flexibility of the General Practice workforce to meet population and service needs with programmes of continuing professional development
- » Work and collaborate with others to innovate in service provision, building on new technologies and recognising lifestyle choices of service users in the way in which they wish to access care
- » Ensure that all we do is valuable, both for the tax-payer and service user and for those investing their time and money into the Alliance
- » Operate ethically, with accountability, probity and fairness at the heart of the organisation.

Prime Minister's GP Access Fund

Within months of forming, the Alliance was successful in securing over £4 million in funding as part of the national Prime Minister's GP Access Fund.

This demonstrated our commitment to improving the primary care offer across our area and recognising the importance it can play in improving patient outcomes and the contribution we can play to the urgent care agenda.

The project, called 'Best Care, Anywhere' consists of three high profile workstreams which integrate into existing services.

The first of these three schemes is the **GP extended hours hub** based at the City of Coventry Health Care Centre. This is a single hub offering extended week-day urgent appointments and weekend routine appointments complimenting the existing primary care service.

The second scheme focusses on the older patient population with the Coventry and Rugby's first ever **primary care frailty unit**. The team of primary care specialists determines discharge and care planning for frail patients and manages them with a proactive, community-based focus.

GP in ED was the first of the three schemes to launch and sees both a GP and practice nurse based in the A&E department. They treat patients who have presented to ED with a problem better suited to primary care.

GP extended hours hub

Average patient contacts per week

35



Nearly 500

patients seen in the first three months



10%

Did Not Arrive rate

Next Steps

- » Roll out to practices and explore opportunities with other services

GP in ED



Operational 7 days x 12 hours

Average patient contacts per day

35



Over 4000

patients seen in the first eight months



Over 90%

discharged without further treatment

Next Steps

- » Continue to provide primary care services in ED

Primary care frailty team



Next Steps

- » Explore options to extend service
- » Improving links between UHCW and Community Services and working with WMAS to keep patients at home where appropriate

Our membership

The Alliance is only as strong as its membership and we've been encouraged by the number of local practices that have signed up already.

The Alliance hopes to secure and expand General Practice in Coventry and Rugby by bidding for services that are not only financially viable but also maximises our individual skills for the benefit of the Alliance practices.

Some of the benefits that member practices will see over the coming months includes:

- » CQC workshops
- » Extended hours scheme developed going forward
- » Preservation of community contacts
- » Support and development of practices and services
- » Procurement
 - Lead Local Provider
 - Education at scale



Who's who on the board



Alistair Bryce
Chair



Alison Gingell
Lay Chair



Simon Brake
Chief Executive



Ken Holton
Alliance Director



Jerry Horn
Alliance Director



Nish Wiratunga
Alliance Director



Hergeven Dosanjh
Alliance Director



Michelle Horn
Lead Nurse



Tim Morris
Head of Strategy
and Development



Gary Empsall
Head of Operations
and Business



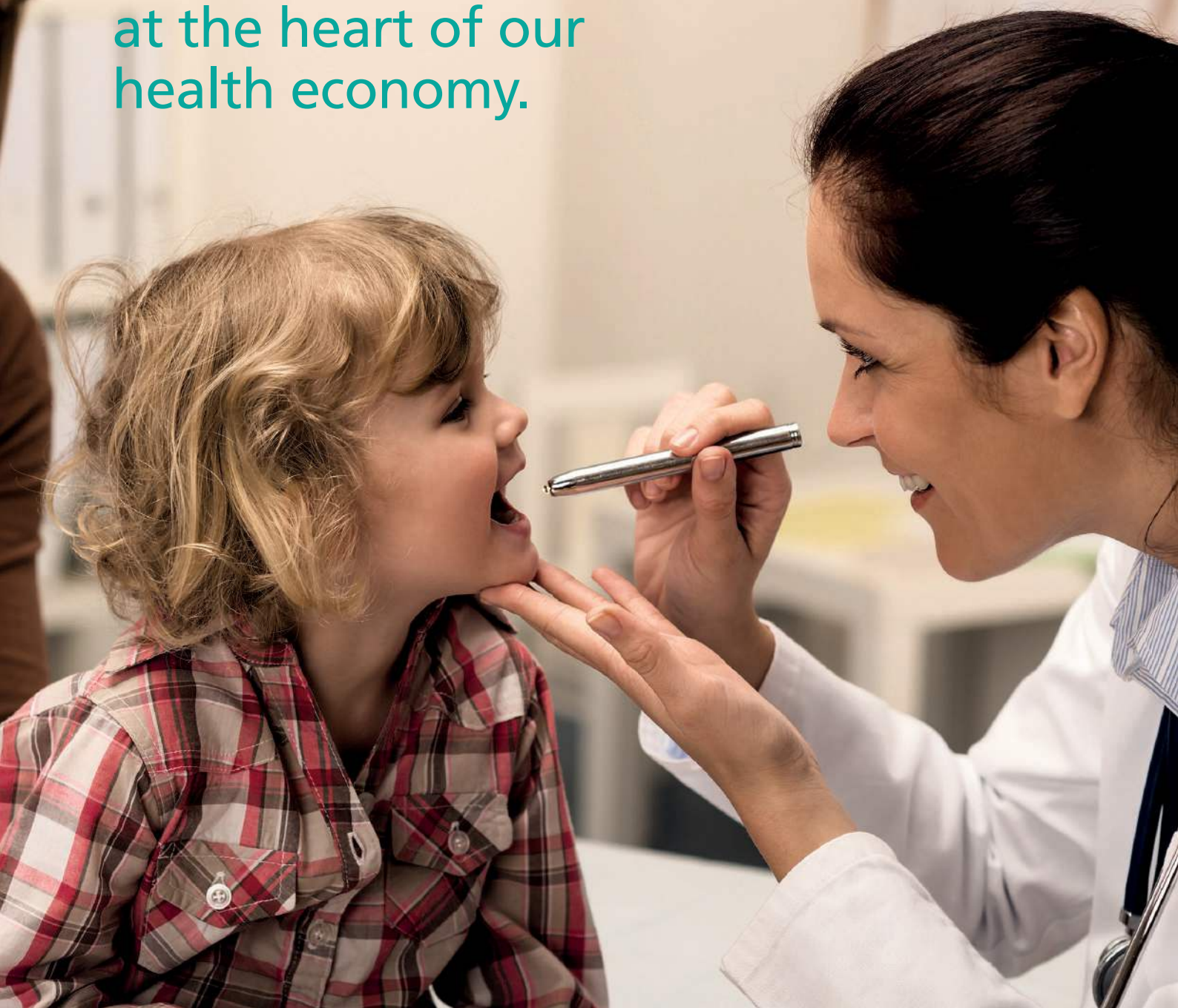
Karin Bruce
Primary Care
Business Manager



Kerry Crutchlow
HR Business
Manager

Harpal Bains
Business Co-ordinator

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Looking forward

Even though we have achieved so much in our first year, we acknowledge that there is lots more to do.

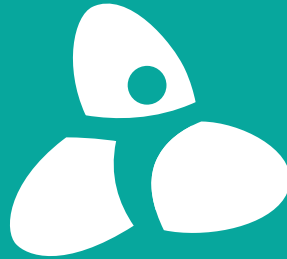
- » Being able to secure CQC registration will allow us to expand considerably the kind of services that our membership has told us they want us to focus on.

This includes Joint Procurement which looks to reduce costs for practices by purchasing across multiple practices.

- » The Community Education Provider Networks (CEPN) scheme aims to provide apprentices and student nurses to practices that request them. We hope that this will start to improve the workforce problems that have occurred in primary care.
- » The Alliance is developing a Primary Care Academy which provides education to practices

for all of their primary care team; from reception staff to GPs and looks to support practices to recruit and retain GPs and Nurses to establish a more flexible and responsive workforce.

- » The GP Alliance plans on becoming providers for Immunisations and Vaccination and Cytology training so we can deliver local education for primary care.
- » The Alliance has recently won a bid for five post-CCT GP fellowships for Coventry and Rugby. These full time posts will be additional GPs working two days in new Primary Care Schemes and one day of education at Warwick University Medical School.



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