

Clinical Senate Launch Event 12th December 2013

Thank you to those that attended our Clinical Senate Launch Event, at the Mercure Hotel Last Drop Inn, Bromley Cross. The event was chaired by **Prof Donal O'Donoghue** and attended by over 160 delegates, key speakers included: **Sheelagh Machin** (NHS Improving Quality), **Dr Jim Gardner & Dr Raj Patel** (NHS England Area Team Medical Directors) **Dr Chris Clayton and Steve Tingle** (GP & Director of Adult Social Services from Blackburn and Darwen respectively), **Dr Hendrika Meyer** (Senate Chair South Australia) and **Sir Cyril Chantler** (Chair UCL Partners Ltd).

The speakers presented a carer's perspective, outlined the reconfiguration challenges facing the region as well as the opportunities to shape an emerging integrated care system; learning was shared from the Australian experience of Clinical Senates and insights from research to improve health care and the concept of value in health care as clinical outcomes per pound spent was discussed.

Recruitment to the Council was announced and expressions of interest, with CV and covering letter should be sent to sarah.ward22@nhs.net. Closing date for applications is 17th January, with interviews 7th & 14th February 2014.

The afternoon saw workshops that will shape the '**Senate Way of Working**' gave an opportunity for all to contribute their ideas to the development of the Clinical Senate. A full report of the event will be written outlining a way forward for the Senate as identified by delegates.

