



Jan's Weekly Update

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Strange Week?

Anyone else had an odd week? Its cooler, but I don't seem to be sleeping as well, my diary and inbox are eerily quiet to the point I thought I should check I've not been taken off everyone's list and oh, of course there's my car...

Last week, hot, bothered and preoccupied I managed to park my car far too close to another one (it was a tight space) and took a bit of paint off both cars.

Apparently that bit of paint is going to cost me quite a lot of money and 3 days without my car – it's just a bit of paint! So, sorting all that out has kept me entertained after work too!

The Highlights of the Week?

I had the opportunity to meet with a number of staff and spend more time with them than I'm usually allowed.

I talked to Yvonne Gough and explored how she's enjoying her new role, I met with Simon Chapple from Shropdoc to talk about things we might do differently in the future, and Emma Parker, the Team Leader from the South East IDT popped in. That team have had some challenges which we've helped them with, although it's the team that have carried each other through a tricky time, and they can now see light at the end of the tunnel. There is a really good example of strong leadership and great team work.

I also met with Dr Ganesh. He told me about his visit to Oswestry MIU and the work they've done to comply with CQC standards and importantly their approach to identifying signs of sepsis, a problem for patients all over the news again this week, because of growing numbers with Sepsis.



Dr Ganesh and I also talked about how he can support his own senior team to release time to gain exposure to the wider NHS.

As Medical Director he tells me that he has found some of the leadership development has helped him better understand the context he's working in, how to influence and make things change. We both agree that his colleagues could also enjoy this opportunity, just how we support them to do it.



I met with Simon Wright, SaTH Chief Executive, twice this week – to discuss how we might provide leadership and direction to share resources and workforce, and innovate to provide improved care for people on the urgent care pathway, particularly where acute and community overlap.

I can hear you say we do loads already – which we do, but what more could we do out of hospital to improve experience and outcomes for patients? It all links to the Shropshire Care Closer to Home programme we've been involved with recently – exciting opportunities ahead!

Until next week...

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