

Report to the NHS Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group on 30 June 2022

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Summary and Purpose of Paper

The paper sets out items of note arising since the last meeting which are relevant to NHS Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group and to its health service commissioning activity on behalf of the Somerset population.

Recommendations and next steps

The Governing Body is asked to **Note** the Chief Executive's report.

Impact Assessments – key issues identified

Equality	N/A			
Quality	N/A			
Privacy	N/A			
Engagement	N/A			
Financial / Resource	N/A			
Governance or Legal	N/A			
Risk Description	N/A			
Risk Rating	Consequence	Likelihood	RAG Rating	GBAF Ref
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of items of note arising during the period to 23 June 2022 and information on my activity during this period.

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Covid-19 pandemic

- 2.1 Living with COVID Guidance continues to steer how we are addressing the COVID pandemic. It is recognised that cases have start to rise again with new sub-variants of Omicron coming to the fore. This will be discussed in the Governing Body under the COVID agenda item.
- 2.2 All our local hospitals are seeing rising pressures from COVID and the two hospitals based in Somerset (Musgrove Park Hospital and Yeovil District Hospital) are encouraging mask wearing for patients and staff colleagues once again, although recognising this is no longer compulsory under the current guidance.

Integrated care system

- 2.3 Plans are fully on track for the closure of NHS Somerset CCG and the establishment of NHS Somerset ICB on 1 July 2022. This will be discussed in the Governing Body meeting.

3 LOCAL

Operational Pressures Escalation Level (OPEL)

- 3.1 OPEL shows the amount of pressure being experienced by hospital, community and emergency health services. OPEL Level 1 is the lowest level of pressure on the system. OPEL Level 4 is the highest.
- 3.2 As at 21 June 2022, the escalation level for the whole of Somerset was OPEL Level 4, described as:

Four-hour performance is not being delivered and patients are being cared for in overcrowded and congested department(s). Pressure in the local health and social care system continues and there is increased potential for patient care and safety to be compromised. Decisive action must be taken by the Local A&E

Delivery Board to recover capacity and ensure patient safety. If pressure continues for more than 3 days an extraordinary AEDB meeting should be considered. All available local escalation actions taken, external extensive support and intervention required. Regional teams in NHS E and NHS I will be aware of rising system pressure, providing additional support as deemed appropriate and agreed locally, and will be actively involved in conversations with the system.

The Regional UEC Operations Leads will have an ongoing dialogue with the National UEC Ops Room providing assurance of whole system action and progress towards recovery. The key question to be answered is how the safety of the patients in corridors is being addressed, and actions are being taken to enable flow to reduce overcrowding. The expectation is that the situation within the hospital will be being managed by the hospital CEO or appropriate Board Director, and they will be on site.

Where multiple systems in different parts of the country are declaring OPEL 4 for sustained periods of time and there is an impact across local and regional boundaries, national action may be considered.

Covid-19 vaccination programme

3.3 The COVID19 Vaccination Programme continues to provide vaccines for adults and children across Somerset. Specific updates include:

- 98.5% of Care home residents have been vaccinated or offered the vaccine; all outstanding home have dates booked before the end of June.
- 92% of housebound patients have received or been offered their vaccine.
- 84% of over 75s have now had their Spring booster.

2022/23 Month 1 Financial Report

3.4 Following the approval of the 2021/22 annual report and accounts at the extraordinary Governing Body meeting on 16 June, the report and accounts have now been submitted to NHSEI. The 2022/23 financial plans have been reviewed by the CCG Finance and Performance Committee and SFT/YDH Board and agreement was gained to support these plans for submission on 20 June. This represents a balanced financial plan for 2022/23, although there is still a lot to do to deliver the CIP/QIPP (cost improvement plans) and £5 million stretch target in the current financial year. The Somerset Directors of Finance are focusing on the 22/23 plan and have developed a Financial Strategy (2022/23 – 2026/27) to support it.

The draft budgets for 2022/23 were reviewed by the Finance and Performance Committee on 17 May and have subsequently been uploaded on the finance system. These will need to be revised to reflect the most recent planning submission and, as a consequence, there is no finance report for month 1 of 2022/23.

Wellbeing Day

- 3.5 The CCG is offering all colleagues across the organisation a Wellbeing Day, which can be taken between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

The past few years have shown us more than ever just how important health and wellbeing is and why looking after our own wellbeing not only benefits ourselves, but everyone around us. The results of our staff survey have also shown us just how much this matters to our colleagues and we were keen to make sure we acted on that feedback.

Ending of the CCG

- 3.6 I have had the pleasure of leading the CCG for the best part of three years now and have been privileged to serve the people of Somerset in this role.
- 3.7 As the CCG comes to an end and responsibilities are handed over to the ICB, I would like to take the opportunity formally to thank all members of the Governing Body; my executive colleagues as always but particularly today our practice members and Non-Executive Directors who provide wise counsel, encouragement and challenge in an equal and appropriate manner:
- Clinical Chair, Dr Ed Ford
 - Non-Executive Directors: Lou Evans (Vice Chair), David Heath, Graham Paine, Basil Fozard and Jayne Chidgey-Clark
 - Practice members: Trudi Mann, Wendy Grey and Helen Thomas (co-opted)

Practices members and NEDs have been ably supported by our partners:

- Trudi Grant, Director of Public Health, Somerset County Council
- Judith Goodchild, Chair, Somerset Healthwatch
- Sandra Wilson, Chair of Chairs of the Somerset Patient Participation Groups (PPGs)

Representing the CCG

- 3.8 I have represented the CCG at a variety of internal and external events, including the following meetings:
- Meetings with Paul von der Heyde, Somerset ICS Chair
 - Somerset ICS Executive Meetings
 - Meeting with Julian Wooster, Director of Children's Services, SCC
 - Meeting with Pat Flaherty, Chief Executive, Somerset County Council
 - South West System Chief Execs Meetings
 - South West Regional Chief Executives Meetings
 - Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board Meeting
 - ICS Board Meeting
 - Meetings with Jonathan Higman, ICB Chief Executive Designate
 - SEND Improvement Board Meeting
 - CCG/LMC Liaison Meeting