

Report to the NHS Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group on 26 May 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 19 May 2022 and information on my activity during this period.

2 NATIONAL

Covid-19 pandemic

- 2.1 The COVID19 Pandemic remains ongoing with the latest ONS data showing cases in approximately 1 in 45 of the UK population. In light of rates dropping, NHSEI have moved from an National Level 4 Incident to a Level 3 Incident; this moves from a national command and control structure to one of regional leadership with a focus on recovery whilst maintaining vigilance.

Transition from CCG to Integrated Care Board (ICB)

- 2.2 The 2022 Health and Care Act which takes Integrated Care Systems forward to their next stage has now received assent. This means that the transition from the CCG to ICB has now been confirmed for 30 June for the CCG to close and 1 July for the ICB to begin.
- 2.3 NHS Somerset CCG will hold its final Governing Board meeting on 30 June with the new NHS Somerset ICB holding its first Board meeting on 1 July.
- 2.4 Plans are on track for the transition and are being reviewed regularly by the CCG's Audit Committee and by NHSEI. The Governing Body will be receiving a detailed update in its Part B 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 17 May 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 COVID-19 vaccination programme remains ongoing across all its workstreams for both adults and children.

Representing the CCG

- 3.4 I have represented the CCG at a variety of internal and external events, including the following meetings:

- NHSEI South West Regional Chair & CEO meeting - Urgent & Emergency Care
- Primary care/general practice integration meeting with NHSEI
- South West System Chief Execs Meetings
- North Partnership Board
- Somerset - 2022/23 System Planning meeting with NHSEI
- Somerset System Gold Command Meetings
- NHSCC - CCG AOs catch up with NHS Confederation
- Somerset ICS Executive Meetings
- Fit for My Future Programme Board Meeting
- SVOC Gold Meeting
- SWAG Cancer Board Meeting
- South West Regional Chief Executives Meetings
- Meetings with Paul von der Heyde, Somerset ICS Chair
- Meetings with Jonathan Higman, ICB Chief Executive Designate

- Regional Elective Recovery Steering Group (RERSG)
- ICS Board Meeting
- SEND Improvement Board Meeting
- Health and Wellbeing Executive Officers Meeting
- Leading for Inclusion Workshop 4 with NHSEI
- NIHR HSDR Seacole Funding Committee Meeting
- NHS System Leaders Webinar with NHSEI

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