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## Trust Board 31 January 2023

## Chief Executive's Report

## Purpose of the Report

This paper provides an update on current local issues and national policy developments since the last meeting. The details below are drawn from a variety of sources, including local meetings and information published by NHS England/Improvement, Health Education England, NHS Providers, the NHS Confederation, and the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

## Analysis of the Issue

## National Developments

*Mental health services boosted by £150 million government funding*

As announced on 23 January 2023 minister Maria Caulfield, the government's mental health spend will increase in the coming financial year which is expected to account for 8.92% of total recurrent spend.

The government is investing £150 million of capital in NHS mental health crisis response and urgent and emergency care services up to April 2025. This includes £7 million for the procurement of specialised mental health ambulances, with the remaining £143 million being used to provide new and improve existing mental health crisis response infrastructure. This includes schemes such as crisis cafes, crisis houses and crisis hubs. Step-down services, mental health urgent assessment and care centres, crisis line upgrades and improvements to health-based places of safety and emergency department spaces are also being funded.

*Winter pressures, Coronavirus COVID-19, Influenza, Strep A and Monkeypox*

It will not have escaped your notice that the NHS is currently experiencing a period of extreme pressure, which is felt most acutely in our urgent and emergency care pathway. NHS England's (NHSE's) urgent and emergency care situation report for the week ending 1 January 2023 shows that, across the country, there are more hospital beds open now than at this point last year and occupancy, whilst high overall, is very slightly lower than last year. Of the issues highlighted in the report, ambulance handovers and the rate of discharges are two of the more significant. Nationally, nearly 44% of ambulance handovers (i.e., where patients are transferred from the ambulance to the hospital team) were delayed by 30 minutes or more with c 55k hours lost to ambulance services. Around 20k patients each day remained in hospital who did not meet the criteria to reside there. Whilst staff absence contributes to the pressure experienced in urgent and emergency care services, total absences had reduced slightly on the previous reporting period. NHS 111 answered the second highest number of calls ever in a week and primary care (GP) services equally saw increased demand. The report presents a challenging picture countrywide.

Across the country during December 2022, hospitals saw increased admission rates and demand for intensive care from people with influenza ('flu') – older people but also children under the age of five in particular. Overall vaccination levels are similar to those in the previous year but uptake amongst 2 to 3 year olds is below the level seen in previous seasons (39.9% compared to 42.3%).

Like flu, COVID-19 continues to circulate at high levels having increased in prevalence during December. With China experiencing its largest COVID-19 outbreak, and due to 'a lack of comprehensive health information' shared by China, the Government has temporarily reintroduced the requirement for travellers from China to show notification

of a negative COVID-19 pre-departure test result and some passengers will be invited to take a voluntary test on arrival to monitor for potential new COVID-19 variants. The situation remains under review.

Whilst unusual for this time of year, Group A streptococcal infections ('Strep A') and related scarlet fever infections remain high. Between September and the end of December 2022, national figures show there have been 35,616 notifications of scarlet fever compared to 4,192 in the same period during the 2017/18 financial year (regarded as a comparably high season). Although invasive group A strep (iGAS) infections are rare, rates are currently higher than normal with the majority of cases seen in those over 45 years. However, most Strep A and scarlet fever infections are treatable with antibiotics. For more information on either Strep A or scarlet fever please see the NHS website.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has published the UK's plan to continue to reduce Monkeypox transmissions over the next 12 months, building on work undertaken to reduce cases in 2022. As at 6 December 2022, cases had reduced to 5 per week compared to 350 per week in July. The UK's plan involves eight key actions. For more information please see the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mpox-monkeypox-control-uk-strategy-2022-to-2023>.

On 7 January 2023, clinical leaders, health experts and ministers convened in Downing Street for an NHS Recovery Forum hosted by the Prime Minister. It focussed on social care and delayed discharge, urgent and emergency care, elective (planned) care, and primary care. Additional funding to speed up hospital discharge, rolling out virtual wards, opening community diagnostic centres and growing the NHS workforce are amongst the actions the Government has taken to date to support the NHS.

Following the Recovery Forum, on 9 January, the Government announced a further c£250m (on top of the £500m already committed) would be available to local authorities and integrated care boards to speed up safe discharge from hospital into social care. The additional funding is expected to free up 2,500 hospital beds by the end of March by funding short term care placements of up to four weeks per patient. Further details on how the funding will be allocated are expected. For more information please see the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adult-social-care-winter-statement-2022-to-2023/our-support-for-adult-social-care-this-winter#contents>.

Alongside work on urgent and emergency (or 'non-elective') care, the Government has established an Elective Recovery Taskforce to help the NHS deliver on waiting list targets. Plans include introducing 19 new community diagnostic centres and unlocking spare capacity in the independent sector. The Government notes that two-year waits for treatment have been virtually eliminated already; it plans to eliminate 18-month waits by April and waits of longer than a year by March 2025. For more information please see the Government's website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-turbocharges-efforts-to-tackle-covid-backlogs>.

### Autumn Statement 2023

On 17 November 2022, the Chancellor delivered his autumn statement confirming the Government's priorities as stability, growth and public services. He described how the Government will ensure that national debt falls as a proportion of the economy over the medium term, leaving more money to invest in public services; support the Bank of England's action to control inflation; and give businesses the stability and confidence they need to invest and grow in the UK.

Representing a reversal of the measures in the Growth Plan 2022, the statement describes further steps the Government will take on taxation and spending. On taxation, the statement confirms that those on the highest incomes and those making the highest profits will be asked to make a larger contribution. On spending, the statement confirms that total department spending will grow in real terms at 3.7% a year on average over the

Spending Review period with departments expected to identify savings to manage pressures from higher inflation supported by an Efficiency and Savings Review.

The NHS, social care and schools were highlighted as the Government's priority. £8bn funding is being made available to the NHS and adult social care in England in 2024-25, of which £3.3bn is earmarked to respond to the significant pressures facing the NHS, enabling rapid action to improve emergency, elective and primary care performance and introducing reforms to support the workforce and improvement performance across the health system over the longer term. £4.7bn will be allocated to adult social care to put the system on a stronger financial footing and improve the quality of and access to care for many of the most vulnerable in society. £1bn of this package will be targeted to directly supporting discharges from hospital into the community to support the NHS.

For more information on the autumn statement, please see the Government website:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1118417/CCS1022065440-001\\_SECURE\\_HMT\\_Autumn\\_Statement\\_November\\_2022\\_Web\\_accessible\\_1.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1118417/CCS1022065440-001_SECURE_HMT_Autumn_Statement_November_2022_Web_accessible_1.pdf).

### *Planning for 2023/24*

On 23 December 2022, NHSE published its planning guidance for the 2023/24 financial year in which it confirmed its three tasks to recover core services and productivity; make progress in delivering the key ambitions in the long term plan; and continue transforming the NHS for the future. NHSE confirmed it would be issuing two-year revenue allocations to Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) for 2023/24 and 2024/25, which are 'flat' at a national level in real terms with additional funding available to expand capacity. In addition to existing capital allocations, £300m will be made available nationally, with funding prioritised for systems that deliver agreed budgets in 2022/23. ICBs and NHS provider organisations are expected to work together to plan and deliver a balanced net financial position in collaboration with other ICS partners.

NHSE is asking ICBs to work with their system partners to develop plans to meet national objectives and local priorities set by systems. These plans should be triangulated across activity, workforce and finance and should be signed off by ICB and partner Trust/Foundation Trust Boards before the end of March 2023.

In addition to an operational plan for the year, ICBs are also asked to develop five-year joint forward plans building on existing system strategies and place plans. These forward plans should be fully aligned with the wider system partnership's ambitions; support subsidiarity by building on existing local strategies and plans as well as reflecting the universal NHS commitments; and be delivery-focused, including specific objectives, trajectories and milestones as appropriate. NHSE expects there to be close engagement with partners on the development of these plans. Whilst NHSE expects forward plans to have been developed by the end of March, it is allowing consultation on further iterations to continue after that date, prior to the plan being finalised in time for publication and sharing by 30 June.

For more information on NHSE's operational planning guidance, please see NHSE's website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/2023-24-priorities-and-operational-planning-guidance/> and <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/joint-forward-plan/>.

### *Health and wellbeing boards: guidance*

On 22 November 2022, the Department of Health and Social care published the final version of its guidance for Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWB) in response to the new architecture introduced to the health and care system by the Health and Care Act 2022 – i.e., Integrated Care Boards and Integrated Care Partnerships (ICBs and ICPs respectively).

The guidance confirms that HWBs will continue to play an important role in instilling mechanisms for joint working across health and care organisations and setting strategic direction to improve the health and wellbeing of people locally. Designed to support ICB and ICP leaders, local authorities and HWBs to understand how they should work together to ensure effective system and place-based working, the guidance sets out the role and purpose of health and wellbeing boards, and the relationship between health and wellbeing boards and integrated care systems.

To access the final guidance please see the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-wellbeing-boards-guidance/health-and-wellbeing-boards-guidance>.

### *NHS England board appointments*

On 4 January 2023, NHS England announced the appointment of three new Board members - Baroness Mary Watkins, Professor Sir Simon Wessely and Professor Sir Mark Walport. Baroness Watkins is an international expert in nursing and healthcare delivery; Professor Sir Simon Wessely is Regius Professor of Psychiatry at King's College London and has worked as a clinical psychiatrist, specialising in general hospital psychiatry, for the past 35 years; and Professor Sir Mark Walport is Honorary Distinguished Professor of Medicine at Imperial College London, Chair of Imperial College Academic Health Sciences Centre Partnership Board, and Chair of Imperial College Health Partners. For more information on NHS England's Board, please see the NHSE website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/about/nhs-england-board/>.

### *Changes to NHS pension rules*

On 5 December 2022, the Government announced plans to amend NHS pension rules to retain more experienced NHS clinicians and remove barriers to staff returning from retirement. It expects plans to enable staff to work more flexibly up to and beyond retirement age, protecting them from excessively high tax charges. As a consequence, the Government expects plans to boost the NHS workforce. Plans are subject to consultation, which closes on 30 January 2023. For more information please see the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/action-to-bolster-nhs-workforce-and-retain-senior-doctors>.

### *CQC's revised plan for transformation*

On 21 December 2022, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) revised its timeframe for the introduction of its new inspection approach, which will now be happening later in 2023 (rather than this month). The change comes as a result of learning over the last few months on the importance of giving providers time to prepare for changes to the inspection regime so that its introduction goes as smoothly as possible.

The CQC has confirmed that more testing of the changes already released will be undertaken to build confidence that the new regulatory approach is ready for launch. It will also work to make sure the technology it needs is in place and tested with providers. In summer 2023, the CQC intends to launch its new online provider portal in a staged way, starting by enabling providers to submit statutory notifications. Towards the end of 2023, the CQC will gradually start to carry out assessments using its new approach. For more information please see the CQC's website: <https://www.cqc.org.uk/news/our-revised-plan-and-approach-transformation>.

### *Changes to CQC operational teams*

At the end of November 2022, the CQC announced it would be making some changes to its teams, introducing a new structure and roles in order to look at the quality of health and care services across a local area; give a more up-to-date view of quality; be more efficient, consistent and effective; and provide more tailored support to health and care providers. These changes will break down barriers that previously separated the different sectors, by introducing teams that work across four geographic areas or 'networks': London and East of England; Midlands;

North; and South. Comprised of director level roles, the CQC's new senior leadership team will lead the operation across these four networks.

The CQC's four networks will be divided into local teams that include colleagues with a mix of experience and expertise in different types of health and social care services. Led by an operations manager each local team will comprise of assessors, inspectors, regulatory coordinators and regulatory officers. The precise mix of roles will vary with the particular services within a network.

The CQC anticipate several benefits to the public of its new structure, including people having a better understanding of the quality of care across a given area, a more up-to-date view of quality and improved involvement. For providers it expects these changes to improve the quality of the conversations between the CQC and the provider, enable more tailored support to be provided and support improvement specifically where it is needed.

For more information on these changes, please see the CQC website: <https://www.cqc.org.uk/news/changing-our-operational-teams>.

#### *New framework for SEND inspections*

In December 2022, together with Ofsted, the CQC published details on how it will inspect services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) in a local area. Starting in 2023, the two regulators will have a greater focus on hearing directly from children and young people with SEND and their families, allowing inspectors to get a better understanding of what it is like to be a child with SEND in their area. Ongoing contact with areas will provide stronger accountability and inspections will yield three distinct outcomes so that it is clear what improvements are needed by whom. The new approach will bring with it a series of thematic visits each year, starting with Alternative Provision (AP). For more information please see the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/area-send-framework-and-handbook>.

#### *Independent review into the CQC's handling of protected disclosures*

On 18 November 2022, the CQC shared further details on the second phase of the independent review into the CQC's handling of protected disclosures shared by Mr Shyam Kumar. The aim of the review is to determine whether the CQC took appropriate action in response to this information and whether the ethnicity of the people raising concerns impacted on decision-making or outcomes.

The second phase will review how well the CQC listens to whistleblowing concerns; understand the perceptions of raising concerns with the CQC among health and care staff and registered providers; review and learn from Mr Kumar's Tribunal case; look to understand how the CQC engage with and listen to colleagues through transformation and organisational design. For more information please see the CQC website: <https://www.cqc.org.uk/news/listening-learning-responding-concerns-review-update>.

#### *Monitoring the Mental Health Act*

On 1 December 2022, the CQC published its annual report on the use of the Mental Health Act 'Monitoring the Mental Health Act' (MHA). The key messages from the report were:

- Workforce issues and staff shortages mean that people are not getting the level or quality of care they have a right to expect, and the safety of patients and staff is being put at risk
- Gaps in community mental health care are compounding the rising demand on inpatient services, with delays in admission, transfer and discharge
- Urgent action is needed to tackle the over-representation of people from some ethnic minority groups and, in particular, the over-representation of Black people on community treatment orders

- The quality of ward environments is an ongoing concern, with many inpatient environments in need of immediate update and repair
- Despite the challenges facing services, we have seen examples of good practice around advance planning and applying the principle of least restriction.

To access a copy of the report, please visit the CQC website: <https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/monitoring-mental-health-act>.

#### *Hewitt Review*

On 13 December 2022, the Department of Health and Social Care issued a call for evidence as part of a review being led by Rt Hon Patricia Hewitt to consider the oversight and governance of integrated care systems (ICS). The review will consider how the oversight and governance of ICS' can best enable them to success, balancing greater autonomy and robust accountability. It will have a particular focus on real time data shared digitally with the Department and on the availability and use of that data across the health and care system. The terms of reference for the review indicate that a first draft of the review's report will be available on 31 January 2023 with a final report following no later than 15 March. For more information on the review please visit the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hewitt-review-terms-of-reference/hewitt-review-terms-of-reference>.

#### *No wrong door*

On 2 December 2022, the NHS Confederation set out its vision for mental health, autism and learning disability services in ten years' time for people of all ages in England in a new report entitled 'No wrong door: a vision for mental health, autism and learning disability services in 2032'. Commissioned by the NHS Confederation and written by the Centre for Mental Health, the report brings together research and engagement with a wide range of stakeholders; it identifies ten interconnecting themes that underpin the vision and three key requirements that would turn the vision into reality.

The report notes that despite many vision statements for mental health, autism and learning disabilities having been produced in the past, few have been realised in practice. For this reason the report explores what might help and what might hinder implementation, calling for action on funding, workforce and reform to enable faster access to care.

To access a copy of the report, please see the NHS Confederation's website:

<https://www.nhsconfed.org/publications/no-wrong-door>.

#### *Cancer vaccine research partnership*

On 6 January 2023, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care signed a memorandum of understanding with BioNTech SE to bring innovative vaccine research to the UK, which aims to deliver 10k personalised therapies to patients by 2030 through a new research and development hub. The partnership will help accelerate clinical trials of personalised immunotherapies for cancer and infectious disease vaccines. For more information please see the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-partnership-to-boost-research-into-vaccines-for-cancer>.

#### *Life-extending prostate cancer drug*

On 28 November 2022, the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) approved the use of Darolutamide ('Nubeqa®') in the treatment of patients whose prostate cancer has spread to other parts of the body. By blocking androgen receptors in cancer cells, the drugs blocks the effect of testosterone that allows cancer cells to survive and multiply. Studies have shown a third of men treated in this way live longer (than those previously untreated). For more information please see NHS England's website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2022/11/nhs-fast-tracks-life-extending-prostate-cancer-drug/>.

### *Artificial Intelligence in stroke care*

Through its Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Health and Care Awards, the Government invested in the Brainomix e-Stroke system that has been shown to triple the number of patients that recover from a stroke able to perform daily activities from 16% to 48%. This system is currently deployed at sites spanning 11 stroke networks across the country. It allows stroke specialists to access scans and images remotely, which enables specialists from all parts of the stroke pathway to work together more effectively thereby ensuring more people who experience a stroke receive high quality specialist care. For more information, please see the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/artificial-intelligence-revolutionising-nhs-stroke-care>

### *Funding for cutting edge innovation projects*

The MHRA is set to receive almost £1m from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to fund three projects that aim to improve how patients can access life-changing treatments in clinical trials, find a way to introduce complex artificial intelligence into front line clinical settings and make the UK the place to launch microbiome products that support the development of personalised medicine. For more information please see the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-to-receive-nearly-1m-beis-funding-to-unlock-digital-data-and-scientific-regulatory-innovation>

### *Creating the most advanced genomic healthcare system in the world*

The Government has announced over £175m funding to enable research that could deliver world leading genomic healthcare to patients, which involves the study of people's DNA. This forms part of a new three-year plan to develop, evaluate and roll out new technologies across the health and care system and life sciences sector. Of the total sum, £105m will kickstart world-leading research to explore the effectiveness of using whole genome sequencing to find and treat rare genetic diseases in new born babies. £26m will fund an innovative cancer programme to evaluate genomic sequencing technology to improve the accuracy and speed of diagnosis for cancer patients. £22m will be used to sequence the genomes of up to 25k people of non-European ancestry who are currently under represented in genomics research. For more information please see the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-175-million-for-cutting-edge-genomics-research>.

### *Motor Neurone Disease research funding*

On 12 December 2022, the Government announced that £50m of funding pledged for motor neurone disease (MND) research has been allocated to researchers in two tranches. The first £29.5m will be invested immediately through specialist research centres and partnership. The second £20.5m will be available through an open call process for research into the most promising treatments. For more information please see the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-delivers-on-pledge-for-50-million-mnd-research-funding>.

### *Social prescribing for mental health*

On 23 December, the Government announced more than £3.6m would be invested into the National Academy of Social Prescribing to improve mental health by connecting people to community services. This additional funding builds on previous success with 36 projects supporting over 10k people. Examples of the sorts of services that will be possible as a result of the funding include gardening clubs for people to socialise and learn new skills, new exercise classes to build confidence and become healthier, as well as financial advice for people with money worries, among many other initiatives. For more information, please see the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/36-million-social-prescribing-funding-to-bolster-mental-health-support-and-ease-pressure-on-gps>

### *Continuous glucose monitors for type one diabetics*

On 31 December 2022, building on its announcement earlier in the year, NHSE reported that around eight in ten people with Type 1 diabetes are now using non-invasive glucose monitoring devices (CGMs) that allow them to

check their glucose levels more easily and regularly, avoiding the need for finger prick tests. NHSE confirmed it aims for all integrated care boards to be offering flash monitors and CGMs in 2023 and that it expects this to reduce hospital admissions, and associated diabetes complications, which will ease pressure on the NHS. For more information please see the NHSE website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2022/12/rapid-nhs-rollout-sees-200000-diabetes-patients-get-lifechanging-devices/>.

#### *Dementia diagnosis drive*

On 26 December 2022, NHSE announced it would be investing £900k to pilot the proactive assessment of care home residents for dementia in each area of the country. The pilots involve GPs identifying a list of people living in a care home without a dementia diagnosis with staff involved in the pilot who will then check with the care home to see if any of those listed have memory problems. Those identified will be offered a full face-to-face assessment. This approach was found to be effective in a trial in Norfolk where of the 100 people identified, 95 received a diagnosis of dementia and support in living with dementia. For more information please see the NHSE website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2022/12/nhs-launches-new-dementia-diagnosis-drive/>.

#### *Regional Stakeholder Network for Disabled People*

On 19 December, the Government announced the appointment of seven new chairs for the Regional Stakeholder Network that will take the lead in supporting and advising the Government on issues affecting disabled people and disability organisations in regions across the UK. Justin Donne, a non-profit organisation leader, has become the chair for the East Midlands network. For more information please see the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-chairs-appointed-to-regional-stakeholder-network>.

#### *Trial of digitised health checks*

On 5 December 2022, the Government announced a trial of an NHS Digital Health Check in Cornwall that would see patients complete an online questionnaire, use a kit to take a blood sample at home and complete a blood pressure check at their local pharmacy or GP surgery's waiting room. Targeted at people aged 40 to 74, the free NHS health check is designed to prevent stroke, kidney disease, heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some types of dementia. It is hoped that the trial will demonstrate that these checks can be successfully undertaken virtually without either the need for a face-to-face appointment with a GP or for the patient to take time out of their day to attend the surgery. For more information please see the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/patients-to-carry-out-health-checks-in-comfort-of-own-home-to-ease-pressure-on-frontline-services>.

#### *Public benefit evaluation guidance on use of data*

On 14 December 2022, the National Data Guardian published new guidance to help organisations carry out better public benefit evaluations when they plan to use, or allow access to, data collected during the delivery of care for planning, research and innovation projects. This guidance defines 'public benefit' using evidence gathered from the public to create a shared understanding of public benefit and more consistent decisions about who can access the data that they hold. For more information please see the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-do-we-mean-by-public-benefit-evaluating-public-benefit-when-health-and-adult-social-care-data-is-used-for-purposes-beyond-individual-care>.

#### *Reducing air pollution*

On 8 December 2022, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for the Department of Health and Social Care published his annual report, which focussed this year on reducing air pollution. The report highlights achievable solutions across different sectors and makes the case that we need to continue to be active in reducing outdoor air pollution. It also notes that indoor air pollution is becoming an increasing proportion of the problem as improvements in outdoor air pollution occur. In his report, the CMO makes a series of recommendations including that the training of healthcare staff should include the health effects of air pollution and how to minimise these, including communication with



patients. He notes that the NHS is committing to halving its contribution to poor air quality within a decade whilst reducing health inequalities. For more information please see the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/chief-medical-officers-annual-report-2022-air-pollution>.

## Local Developments

### *0-19 Healthy Child Programme consultation*

Leicester City Council has launched a public consultation, seeking views on proposed changes to the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme. Leicester City Council have commissioned Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) to deliver the 0-19HCP since 1 July 2017. Leicestershire City Council are proposing to keep Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust as the provider, as it is a high performing service, and to recommission 0-19HCP by using Section 75 of the National Health Services Act of 2006.

The 0-19 Healthy Child Programme (0-19HCP) (known locally as Healthy Together) looks after the health and wellbeing of all children in Leicester under the age of 19. It is delivered by Public Health Nurses (Health Visitors and School Nurses) and their teams across the city.

The new contract would start from 1 October 2023 and run until 30 September 2030. [Find out more here](#)

### *Public engagement – Hinckley Community Health Services*

The people of Hinckley and Bosworth and anyone with an interest in community health services in Hinckley are being urged to have their say on multi-million pound proposals to improve current services.

The NHS in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland has developed proposals to build a new Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) in Hinckley to increase the number of services available for the local community. The proposals also include moving the physiotherapy facilities currently provided from a portacabin on the Mount Road site into the Hinckley Hub on Rugby Road as well as carrying out improvements to the interior of Hinckley Health Centre.

The engagement outlines the vision to improve services for patients by providing them in modern, fit-for-purpose buildings, to expand services to meet the needs of a growing and ageing population in Hinckley and Bosworth and to provide more services efficiently.

All Staff and patients can find out more information, including details of engagement events and have their say on the proposals by visiting [www.HaveYourSay.co.uk](http://www.HaveYourSay.co.uk) and completing an online questionnaire by Sunday 5 March 2023. The questionnaire is also available in other formats by emailing [lricb-llr.beinvolved@nhs.net](mailto:lricb-llr.beinvolved@nhs.net).

### *Queens Nurse awards*

Two senior LPT nurses have been honoured by the Queens Nursing Institute, which champions community nursing.

Donna Fraser, community service matron for Melton, Rutland and Syston, has been made a Queen's Nurse by the QNI. Pauline Rawle, community service matron (care homes) has been recognised for an innovation project, also by the QNI. Well done to both for being successfully recognised after a rigorous national process. [Find out more](#)

### *Midlands Inclusivity and Diversity Award Scheme*

The Midlands Inclusivity and Diversity Award Scheme, or 'MIDAS', recognises new and excellent ways of working by staff, managers, and leaders across the region, to make the Midlands an inclusive place to work for all staff. The scheme is specifically designed to recognise the good work that is happening in the Midlands across our health and social care sector.

LPT and Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust have been working together against racism over the past year. Asha Day, Head of International Recruitment at LPT, was awarded the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Champion of the Year Award for her role in championing various EDI campaigns. Well done, Asha! It was also pleasing to see our work recognised by MIDAS with NHFT’s REACH Staff Network highly commended for their influence and positive impact on workforce experience for our colleagues from ethnic minorities

It was also great to personally receive the Excellence in Executive Inclusive Leadership Award, which is a reflection of our team effort. I am proud of what LPT and NHFT are doing together in this important area of work. For more information on the MIDAS Awards, please see the NHSE website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/midlands/wrei/midas-awards/>.

### *HTN Awards*

LPT, alongside our LLR NHS partners and Spirit Health won Highly Commended for two awards by HTN (High Tech Newspaper) Awards, both for our virtual wards programme. This is a credit to all the teams involved in virtual wards across the Trust. More details here: <https://htn.co.uk/htn-now-awards-2023-finalists/>

### *LCFC visit comes with gifts for our young patients at Christmas*

On Monday 19 December, Leicester City Football Club’s (LCFC) men’s senior squad gifted 120 presents for Christmas, to Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust’s (LPT) Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services’ (CAMHS) Beacon Unit for inpatients and Diana Community Children’s Service. Gifts such as board games and journals were donated to children and young people, including LCFC merchandise, such as footballs and pens.

LCFC supported services at LPT during the Covid pandemic, with large donations being made to the Trust’s charity Raising Health for patient and staff wellbeing, including an outdoor sports area for the Beacon mental health inpatient unit and sporting equipment for the young people to use. Thank you to LCFC for their continued support and to Raising Health for raising over £5000 in this year’s Christmas appeal.

### *Relevant External Meetings attended since last Trust Board meeting*

Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive external meetings

December 2022	January 2023
East Midlands Alliance CEO’s	Winter Board
Finance and general planning NHS Providers	LLR Health CEO’s meeting
NHS Providers Board informal	LLR NHS CEO’s and Chairs
LLR Integrated Care Board	Mental Health Trusts Chief Executives
NHS Chairs & CEO’s ambulance handover	LPT – NHFT joint CIC working group
LLR Integrated Care Board System Executive Committee	LLR Integrated Care Board development session
LPT & LLR Integrated Care Board development	East Midlands Alliance CEO’s
NHSE roundtable on 2023/24 planning guidance	*Together Against Racism with NHFT
External Audit - KPMG	*NHS Employers Partners Programme 2022/2023
LLR Quality system review meeting	*6 CEO’s 3HWB chairs
Winter Board	*LLR System Executive
LLR Winter gold command	*Leicester City Health and Wellbeing Board
Leicestershire Health & Wellbeing Board	
Rutland meeting	
LLR Health & Wellbeing Partnership	

## Proposal

It is proposed that the Board considers this report and seeks any clarification or further information pertaining to it as required.

## Decision Required

The Board is asked to consider this report and to decide whether it requires any clarification or further information on the content.

## Governance Table

<b>For Board and Board Committees:</b>	Trust Board 31 January 2023	
<b>Paper sponsored by:</b>	Angela Hillery, Chief Executive	
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<b>Date submitted:</b>	23 January 2023	
<b>State which Board Committee or other forum within the Trust's governance structure, if any, have previously considered the report/this issue and the date of the relevant meeting(s):</b>	None	
<b>If considered elsewhere, state the level of assurance gained by the Board Committee or other forum i.e. assured/ partially assured / not assured:</b>	n/a	
<b>State whether this is a 'one off' report or, if not, when an update report will be provided for the purposes of corporate Agenda planning</b>	Routine board report	
<b>STEP up to GREAT strategic alignment*:</b>	High Standards	
	Transformation	
	Environments	
	Patient Involvement	
	Well Governed	Yes
	Reaching Out	
	Equality, Leadership, Culture	
	Access to Services	
	Trust wide Quality Improvement	
<b>Organisational Risk Register considerations:</b>	List risk number and title of risk	none
<b>Is the decision required consistent with LPT's risk appetite:</b>	Yes	
<b>False and misleading information (FOMI) considerations:</b>	None	
<b>Positive confirmation that the content does not risk the safety of patients or the public</b>	Confirmed	
<b>Equality considerations:</b>	None	