



# ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER'S UPDATE

## May 2020

Coronavirus has been with us for some months now and remains a high priority. I want to begin with a huge thank you to all the teams at the CCG, Primary Care and partner organisations who are working tirelessly to keep up with the national guidance and manage the steps towards recovery.

Our CCG Board and Council of Members are continuing to ensure we keep on track as an organisation, as our providers move towards restarting elective care and other services. We have done some initial returns for NHSE on elective activity and we are aware of the challenges our providers face in providing Covid and non Covid areas. I was very heartened that 300 patients have successfully been treated for coronavirus and have now been discharged home from Hull University Hospital Trust. It gives us all hope, and shows the great care being provided by frontline NHS staff.

The work between Hull City Council and the CCG has also been exemplary. This is testament to the leadership in both organisations and our joint priorities which are always focused on our residents and patients.

The voluntary sector in Hull has been fantastic in the work they continue to do to support people. We talk about heroes on the NHS frontline but they are part of the frontline too!

### Strategic update

I was delighted that the Humber, Coast and Vale (HCV) Health and Care Partnership achieved Integrated Care System (ICS) status on 1 April 2020. Within the HCV ICS we will operate as two distinct systems: (a) North Yorkshire and York, and (b) Humber - for which I am currently the lead.

Our immediate focus will be on developing a high level plan for the Humber which complements the ICS priorities that are in line with the delivery of the

NHS Long Term Plan.

The ICS focus is still very much on 'Place', with a clear 'system by default' approach to leadership. Although we are an organisation with clear statutory functions we will be expected to work across the system to deliver effective health and care.

The HCV Partnership was recently asked to submit areas of innovation that had been implemented as a direct result of Covid-19. It was brilliant to see more than 400 were put forward on behalf of the Humber system.

### The Hull We Want

Since my last update, Hull residents were invited to share their views as part of the Health and Wellbeing Board's 'Hull We Want' launch. Residents were able to meet with Councillors, health professionals and Council and CCG staff to discuss what they think should be the priorities



for the Health and Wellbeing Board over the coming year. This event was critical to ensure we make real

and sustained improvements based on what local people want, set in context of the current situation.

### CCG update

I'm meeting with my three Chief Operating Officers weekly to plan how we continue to work together. Our focus continues to be on the management of Covid-19 and the work that needs to happen to deliver the Long Term

Plan. We will continue to work on shaping this throughout the coming months.

### **Humber Acute Services Review (HASR)**

Following a natural break to respond to the pandemic, the HASR Board has met recently to restart the programme. We are developing an interim clinical strategy for some of the more fragile services in our hospitals. We will agree a number of options for these services and continue to engage with clinicians and the public.

### **Vulnerable children**

I was pleased to see Hull City Council's latest campaign with the NSPCC to encourage all of us to share concerns about children who are potentially vulnerable to abuse in our community.

This campaign is really important as it is a real worry for me that only five percent of those most vulnerable children have been going to school since the lockdown started. This will have had a huge impact on families and we need to know that children are safe.

People can share their concerns about any child who may be at risk on 01482 300 300.

The recent launch of Kooth, a free online mental health and emotional wellbeing support service for children and young people, is welcome news in Hull and across the HCV area, as it will provide timely help and support to those who need it. We hope it will reduce some of the anxiety children and young people might feel when attending face-to-face appointments, while helping them to build their mental resilience and self-confidence too. For further information, or to sign up to Kooth, visit [kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)

### **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Our CCG AGM has now been moved to September 30 and we will look at how, under the current limitations, we can tell our story as an organisation and make the event as interactive as possible for the members of the public who attend. More details to follow.

### **International Nurses Day 2020**

International Nurses Day took place on Tuesday 12 May, Florence Nightingale's 200th birthday. The nursing profession had decided to move away from a 'celebration' which was planned prior to the pandemic, to recognise the current role of nurses of all professions and levels.

We have a number of nurses and ex-nurses in our CCG team and Bernie Dawson (right) and Lynda Whincup (below) joined three of our practice nurses to reflect on their years



in nursing, giving advice for future nurses on social media and local TV.



We have relied on the nursing workforce during these incredibly difficult times and they have done an outstanding job to

protect the health of people in hospital and in the community. We owe them so much.

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