



ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER'S UPDATE

July 2020

I wanted to begin with how proud I was on 5 July - the 72nd birthday of our NHS - recalling the magnificent efforts of our NHS workforce at a time when it was so needed. The birthday was a fitting tribute to NHS staff from the Rankin photographs, turning buildings across the country blue and applauding key workers. The bravery and courage that people have shown on the front line in our hospitals, communities and GP surgeries has been immense. I want to again thank everybody who has continuously worked on the Covid-19 agenda, adapting as it continues to change and evolve.

Humber Partnership

The Humber, Coast and Vale Integrated Care System (ICS) is now fully devolved into two sub-systems, that are well-placed to recognise the challenges and opportunities in each area. The Humber Partnership is an exciting new collaboration of health and care organisations, and three boards have been established to provide the leadership needed to face some major challenges over the next few years:

The **Humber Partnership Board** comprises Chief Executives of local authorities and health and care providers, chaired by myself.

A **Clinical and Professional Leadership Board** provides oversight from clinical chairs, Directors of Adult and Children's Services and other healthcare professionals.

The **Humber Partnership Advisory Board** brings together lay members, elected members and others to bring local knowledge and perspectives to allow for healthy challenge - whilst not replacing the usual scrutiny and democratic processes.

It has been recognised that, during the pandemic, many clinically-led changes have happened without the usual lead-in time - sometimes within days – and this has been achieved because of the skilled professionals we have locally.

The Humber Partnership will work in the best interests of the Humber, making sure that no one is left behind - recognising the four discrete populations but seeing ourselves as having one workforce for the Humber area. The Partnership is in its infancy and we have challenges in getting new groups together because of the

technology required and remote working, but we are thinking differently about what we do truly change the way we manage our patient populations to avoid people being unnecessarily passed around the system.

Local Recovery Plan

Work continues across the Hull and East Riding health and care system on the recovery of services temporarily suspended to manage the pandemic. There are five areas of focus with Emma Sayner as the planning lead.

One particular challenge is to ensure we get people back into local cancer screening programmes as we know we have a high number of cancers in Hull detected at a late stage and survival rates are poorer.

Winter planning will be a huge task with Chief Operating Officers working with their teams on planning and co-ordination over the coming months, including encouraging people to have their flu vaccination.

Hull Children's University

Throughout the pandemic we have been concerned for the wellbeing of some of the more vulnerable children and families in Hull. I was so pleased that we were able to help the Hull Children's University provide some practical support in the shape of



wellbeing packs for 500 children containing books, games and more - to boost confidence and happiness. I received a personal note from the Chief Executive thanking the CCG for the difference the packs have made for families. The funding support from the CCG has enabled the University to grow substantially, from

working with 1600 children a year to 7,668 last year.

Since 2013 we have helped them support 34,697 children to access unique learning experiences through the University. Their Children in Care programme supports 224 children across three local authorities with one to one literacy support and small group experiences that have had a life changing impact. They have just expanded into the East Riding and I wish them the very best luck with this venture.

Hull Homeless Health

An outstanding example of system working is the new Hull Homeless Health service. The service was established during the pandemic to ensure we were able to offer safe accommodation for homeless people and rough sleepers in the city. A multi-agency Homelessness Task Force rapidly set up a local centre on Beverley Road which has accommodated around forty guests.

Ending rough sleeping in Hull is a local priority and this new programme has been health-led, integrating with the local authority Housing team, hospital trust, police, probation, Renew (drug and alcohol) service and homeless support charity Emmaus.

One of the immediate needs for homeless community was to get everyone registered with GPs for regular health and mental health needs assessments. This has been provided as an extension to the successful hospital homeless pathway discharge team.



The results have been amazing with many people receiving treatment for illnesses which have never been treated before. A number have reduced their alcohol and drug intake, and the onsite nursing team has helped to reduce repeated hospital admissions.

The project has seen a reduction from 26 rough sleepers during 2019 to just four people during the pandemic. I'm delighted that commissioner Toni Yel, Dr Lucy Chiddick, Dr Ros Davies from Modality and others involved in the project were able to share their story as an example of best practice at a national NHS England webinar on 14 July.

Digital progress

This will be our first virtual CCG Board meeting for with this way of working becoming 'business as usual' for the foreseeable future.

Changes in the delivery of health services for years have happened in a matter of weeks – in primary care, secondary care and voluntary services. GP colleagues have successfully managed a huge rise in consultations done by telephone and video, with their patients remaining in the safety of their own home. I think it has been excellent for the environment in terms of reduced journeys and, rather than phone calls, it is good to be able to see people on screen. I do think, however, that we have to work harder to read the room and encourage those who haven't spoken up to participate.

Annual Report 2019-20

Even though the last six weeks of the financial year was dominated by the response to the pandemic, I'm pleased our Annual Report for 2019-20 was able to highlight our first successful year of the Jean Bishop Integrated Care Centre, the launch of the Lung Health Check programme in Hull to help save hundreds of lives and some exciting projects working with people in improving health care services. You can read our report at www.hullccg.nhs.uk



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