



# ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER'S UPDATE

## September 2020

Welcome to the September Accountable Officer's Update for NHS Hull CCG. I begin with a thank you to everyone working in health and care in the city for their continuing efforts around the restoration of services. I appreciate the added pressure the pandemic has put on people in terms of their own personal health, wellbeing and resilience, on top of doing the day job, and I am very grateful for all your efforts, particularly as we approach autumn and winter.

The next few months will be challenging, without a doubt, as we have to continue to follow national guidelines on social distancing and work alongside our partners to help recover and restore services. The challenge that faces us from the pause in elective procedures and diagnostic testing is enormous and we have to work together to ensure that those who need treatment are clinically prioritised.

Our annual assessment ratings as a CCG are announced later this month. This is the final year that NHS Hull CCG will be rated individually, and, whatever the outcome is, I know that everyone has worked tirelessly to deliver the best possible outcomes for our population and I really appreciate this.

### Humber Partnership Board update

The Humber Partnership Board, Clinical and Professional Leaders Board and Humber Advisory Board have continued to meet regularly. Although it is early days I have been very impressed with the level of commitment shown towards improving and 'levelling-up' health and care across the Humber. To have such an interesting mix of people coming forward to be part of those groups, bringing new ideas and thinking, can only add value to what we do.

The System by Default guidance is very clear about how resources will be deployed in the future, through systems rather than organisations, although I want to reiterate that this does not extend to the merging of CCGs. The establishment of the Humber Partnership Boards is very much in line with this direction of travel and it is good to be in this position at an advanced stage.

Through the Clinical Leadership Board and the Humber, Coast and Vale Integrated Care System (HCV ICS) there is a great deal of work happening around the risk-assessment and clinical prioritisation. I'm very pleased to see that the Targeted Lung Health Checks (one of the NHS Long Term Plan programmes) will be restarted in Hull in October. It is such an important life-saving programme for Hull in terms of identifying early problems at a more treatable stage.

### Humber Acute Services Review update

Our Regional Review meeting with Richard Barker (North East and Yorkshire Regional Director) and Stephen Eames (Independent Chair of the HCV Partnership) last month involved a wide range of stakeholders including medical directors, chairs and local authority representatives. It was a very positive meeting and we are clear on the actions needed to take us to the next stage. There is a huge task ahead of us and I am grateful for the people who have put themselves forward to deliver the work needed.

Over the next few months, clinical, public and other expert groups will be using the information that has been gathered so far to evaluate the different ways of organising hospital services to develop detailed proposals for the future of services. By Christmas we are hoping to be able to share more in terms of short, medium and long term options.

### West Hull Hub moves closer



I was delighted to reach an important step in the transformation of primary care services for people in the

west of the city, with the financial sign off of the new West Hull Hub planned at Calvert Lane. The challenge of finding a suitable relocation for Springhead Medical Practice has been on the agenda for many years and the practice's staff and patients will soon benefit from care being provided in a safe, spacious working environment that will allow them to expand the range of services. This has taken a great deal of hard work by CCG colleagues, our development partners Citycare and the Modality Partnership to get the new build across the line and I look forward to seeing the new facility take shape.

### Tackling health inequalities

We know the tremendous economic impact of COVID 19 and, sadly, the increase in unemployment in our region. This will undoubtedly have an effect on family income and further

increase health inequalities in the city so we need to work together as a system more than ever to try and ensure people get support – not just medical support – when they need it. We need to look at people holistically. The pandemic has highlighted that we have to stand alongside our

communities and listen to their voices and concerns to ensure we are putting our resources where they need to be, as a collective system, rather than single organisations.

This winter we are anticipating the most comprehensive flu vaccination programme we have ever seen across the UK. With new groups eligible for the free flu vaccine that include people aged 50 to 64, all shielded patients and their household members, school year groups up to year seven, as well as pregnant women, people with pre-existing health conditions and at-risk under-tuos.

I know that Dr James Crick, working with Julia Weldon and local authority colleagues, is leading a lot of the work around flu, and NHS staff must also play our part in ensuring we get our own vaccinations.

### Annual General Meeting

Our first virtual AGM for Hull CCG takes place on 30 September and it would be great to see as many people as possible watching the live streaming on Facebook and YouTube.

Wednesday, 30 September  
5:30 - 8pm




Please join us online for our Annual General Meeting

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It's a chance to reflect on the year we have just had - the things that have made a positive difference for the people in our city and the things we know we need to continue to work on.

When I look back on twelve months ago it seems inconceivable that we could go through this experience. It has tested us but it has also shown where there is strength in our communities and in our health and care system as we move through recovery and towards what we want our health and care system to look like in years to come.

### Emergency Services Day 2020

As a former blue light services manager, I was pleased to see the country marking national Emergency Services Day 2020 on 9 September. The aim of the event is to recognise all the great work our ambulance, police and fire workers do every single day and to reassure people that emergency services are still there for all of us when need them.



This photo shows the kind act of Yorkshire Ambulance Service staff supporting local voluntary groups to deliver Easter eggs to NHS workers and people who were shielding earlier this year. A huge thank you to everyone working in emergency services across the city and the UK. You are all stars!

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