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PLANNING & COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4th SEPTEMBER 2020 CHAIR'S UPDATE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

This is the Chair's report to the Clinical Commissioning Group Board following the September 2020 Planning and Commissioning Committee.

PROJECT EXCEPTIONS

Unplanned Care

Talk before you Walk had changed to "Help us to Help you" and would be provided by NHS111. The proposal was that everyone would contact either 111 or their GP prior to setting off to access unplanned care (with the exception of those needing a 999 response).

Work was being undertaken on the directory of service and diversionary pathways to ensure patients are directed and given appointments in the most appropriate service for their needs.

It was acknowledged that if patients turn up at A&E or Urgent Treatment Centres and had not called NHS111 they would be triaged and directed to the most appropriate venue for treatment.

Communication plans were being developed to raise public awareness of the service.

It was stated that a more formal paper would be brought to the November 2020 Planning and Commissioning Committee.

Mental Health and Learning Disabilities

Interviews were taking place for the Strategic Lead for Mental Health on 11th September 2020.

Expressions of interest for the Project Lead for the NHS England funded Mental Health Support Teams in schools had been circulated internally within the CCG.

Planned Care

The Trust are looking into surgical and theatre capacity and how they could increase the capacity level to 90% of the pre Covid capacity.

A mobile x-ray unit was being looked into.

Waiting lists in all specialities are being reviewed and appointments would be provided on a high risk, high priority status.

HUMBER POLICIES PHASE 3

Committee Members were advised that the four Humber CCGs, Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust have been working together over the past 12 to 18 months developing joint

commissioning policies specifically in relation to treatments / interventions where the evidence base is limited. This report presents the phase 3 policies that have been reviewed and are proposed for adoption across all 4 Humber CCGs as well as a refreshed Gamete Storage policy.

Phases 1 and 2 had been completed of the amalgamation of policies across the 4 Humber CCGs.

This third phase represents the final cohort of current commissioning policies that were either identified as being applicable to all 4 CCGs not just a single CCG or reflected changes to national policies. Gamete storage was also reviewed separately to ensure that it reflected national best practice on accessibility of gamete storage.

The following policies and EQIAs were circulated for approval.

- Acupuncture
- Cyclone Plus
- Facet Joint Injection
- Infusion Therapy
- Medical Branch Block
- Spinal Epidural Injection or Nerve Root Block
- Other Intervention for non-specific low back pain
- Intraneural Urethral Bulking procedures

The Phase 3 Commissioning Policies document was circulated for completion.

A few policies remain that solely apply to NHS Hull CCG, mainly relating to drugs, which require reviewing as the areas identified are covered by guidelines under the Hull & East Riding Prescribing Committee and, therefore, represent a duplication.

In addition, national consultation had just closed on the next wave of national evidence-based interventions which would be released for CCGs to commission later this financial year. This would constitute phase 4.



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