



ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER'S UPDATE

January 2022

Welcome to the Accountable Officer's Update for January 2022 with information on NHS programmes and service improvement across the city.

This is our first Board of 2022, and if it is not too late in January, I wish everyone a very happy and positive start to the year.

Next Steps for Integrated Care Systems

You will be aware that the implementation of the Health and Social Care Act will be delayed from 1 April 2022 for three months. This moves the official start date for the Humber, Coast and Vale Integrated Care System (HCV ICS) to 1 July 2022 and the HCV leadership team is currently working through the detail of what this means for people and system partners.

The ICS has made good progress to date, and it will continue with the development plans it has in place regardless of the delay. The ICS operating model is being developed, one of its current priorities is to ensure staff across the six Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Partnership are supported, and that partners, patients and the public treat colleagues with kindness, respect and compassion during this period.

Winter and service recovery

Since the New Year I have led a series of meetings through the Humber Health Gold Command in response to one of the most challenging situations we have faced as a system.

Humber Local Resilience Forum (LRF) initially declared a major incident in December following the Government's announcement of the rapid upscaling of the booster programme. This major incident has now transferred to a focus on the demand and system pressures on local health and care services across the Humber area. This, along with the high number of staff on sickness absence or isolating, is making it extremely difficult to maintain normal levels of service.

I am pleased to report that we have agreed some tangible interventions within a very short space of time.

I'm incredibly thankful to everyone who has contributed. Whilst it has been quite an intense time, the Humber system has pulled together to delivery for our patients, which is testament to all who work in it. In addition, our Primary Care Networks have been outstanding once more in responding so quickly to the huge demand for booster vaccines in the couple of weeks before Christmas - and this demand continues into 2022.

Lung Health Checks

After an essential pause in 2020 for the pandemic, it was good to hear that the NHS Targeted Lung Health Check programme was able to get back on track in 2021. It is now moving on to North Hull, including a few weeks at Bransholme Centre. This is a vital cancer screening programme, particularly targeted towards areas like Hull with higher levels of deprivation, which will help detect cancer at an early stage, prevent the disease spreading and saving lives.

NHSE visit to Integrated Care Centre

At the time of writing, we had the good news that Dr Tim Ferris the NHS England National Director for Transformation would be coming to visit Humber, Coast and Vale on 28 January 2022. He has made a specific request to go to the Jean Bishop Integrated Care Centre. It's great to hear that he particularly wanted to get a feel for the way the Centre operates by spending a morning there, shadowing one of the clinical team and speaking to patients for first-hand experience.

There is also a new memorial garden in memory of Jean Bishop. The sensory garden, which forms part of wider improvements to the ICCs green space, will create a more welcoming, therapeutic environment for the centre's elderly and frail patients. Another fantastic addition this much-loved facility!



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