



ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER'S UPDATE

March 2022

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

System update

As we approach the beginning of April, things are moving at pace with the first meeting of the Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board meeting in shadow on 13 April 2022. This will focus on how it will operate locally and serve its communities, ahead of taking on statutory responsibility from 1 July 2022.

The first meeting of the shadow Hull Health and Care Committee took place in late February. The strategy, values and emerging priorities of the new Committee are in place and a number of focused task and finish groups across the CCG have been established to support the transition, and the due diligence needed to ensure that there are no gaps when it will become a statutory Committee in July. We have well-established relationships with local partners that have grown over recent years that will put us in a good place around the next steps for the Integrated Care System.

Although COVID is not over, and we still have some restrictions, I hope that people have been able to revert to more normality in their lives. We are under no illusions that the recovery of elective services will continue for some time yet. There is a newly-launched website My Planned Care, a Digital Platform www.myplannedcare.nhs.uk that gives people waiting for a hospital appointment, operation or treatment direct access to the latest wait-time information and support. As well as providing people with access to average waits (excluding cancer), it provides supporting information to help them manage their health and wellbeing whilst they wait.

Work also continues across the Humber area on health

and social care integration, and we have been recently exploring how we can better integrate domiciliary care – an area where we still have tremendous pressure across the system.

War in Ukraine

Much has been said about the current conflict, but my particular thoughts are with the nurses, doctors and other health care workers in Ukraine as our news is filled with their heroic struggles to keep working under such difficult conditions. It's heart-breaking to see reports of children who need cancer treatment having to flee their homes to travel a long way for help.

I join with others in the city of Hull, and from around the world, in sending messages of solidarity and support. We are looking to co-ordinate and promote some of the ways people can help by volunteering.

International Women's Day 2022

For International Women's Day on 8 March I was given the opportunity by the BBC to speak about a woman who has inspired me greatly in my life, and on this occasion I chose Mary Seacole, who was a British Jamaican nurse born in 1805.

Mary provided care to British soldiers in the Crimean war and her famous quote that always resonates with me is 'Unless I'm allowed to tell the story of my life in my own way, I cannot tell it at all.' I think it has just really influenced my life and my career because she was much more than just a positive thinker; she had lots of integrity and passion to do good for other people in the world.

I've really learned to be authentic and to express my views, however they may be received, and I've always been true to myself. I think that that quote really does resonate with me and who I am.

Our Best Years—new older people’s project launched



In March we launched a new programme in partnership with Hull KR Foundation, Hull FC Foundation, Age UK and Pickering and Ferens Homes aiming to bring older people in Hull together for a mixture of social and physical activities.

The launch event was a huge success, with older people getting the chance to mingle with their favourite rugby players from now and days gone by. ‘Our Best Years’ forms part of our long running partnership with the two local rugby league teams which really helps us to reach out into our communities to promote key health and wellbeing messages.



I know how important programmes like this are for both physical and mental health, and especially for our older people to build confidence in socialising again after the pandemic. I look forward to seeing this project grow and develop over the coming months.

Retirement of Dr Dan Roper – our Clinical Chair

Our CCG Clinical Chair Dr Dan Roper says farewell and retires from NHS Hull Clinical Commissioning Group at the end of March. I don’t know where to start with this tribute to him.... Dan has been with us throughout the whole CCG journey. He’s been a figurehead for Hull, for the CCG, and such a well respected and admired local GP. He has a huge intellect and a huge heart. He has put heart and soul into serving the people of Hull – firstly as a doctor and then doing all he could to bring about better, more positive life experiences for people.

He’s had to lead some very challenging agendas over the

last eight years which include the transformation of GP services in the city, establishing the first CCG of



Sanctuary and having a pivotal role in the Hull and East Riding response to the COVID-19 pandemic, acting as the strategic clinical leader for primary care.

He’s incredibly well thought of, and I personally feel very privileged to have him as our chair and to have worked alongside him. He gave us an extra year to see the transition through and support the recovery of services and we are truly grateful for that.

Always wanting to give back to the community and the people he serves, he’s handled everything with a smile and a joke. He’s going to be an incredible loss. We can all think of one or two memories that will make us smile about Dan’s time here.



Thank you for everything Dan. We are so thankful for your contribution to public life in Hull. You’ve been a

tremendous ambassador, top leader and someone who has left a great legacy behind you. On behalf of the Board I wish you a long and happy retirement!

We have agreed the interim arrangements for the CCG Board following consultation with the Council of Members and Vice Chair Jason Stamp will Chair the May 2022 CCG Board.

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