



CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

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This monthly paper from the System Lead of the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Integrated Care System (SYB ICS) provides a summary update on the work of the SYB ICS for the month of June 2020.			
Recommendations			
The SYB ICS Health Executive Group (HEG) partners are asked to note the update and Chief Executives and Accountable Officers are asked to share the paper with their individual Boards, Governing Bodies and Committees.			

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1. Purpose

This paper from the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Integrated Care System System Lead provides an update on the work of the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Integrated Care System for the month of June 2020.

2. Summary update for activity during June 2020

2.1 Coronavirus (Covid-19): The South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw position

There continues to be an ongoing decline in new cases, including the number of Covid-19 cases in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw. This sustained reduction in new cases allows the system to firmly look ahead towards Phase Three from August 2020 to April 2021 - resetting the NHS.

There are a number of key concerns for health leaders as the NHS recovery process looks to restore services. Issues raised include restoring the NHS amidst workforce challenges, potential lengthening of waiting lists, and strict infection control measures – all of which will significantly impede capacity.

Supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) have improved significantly, particularly sterile gowns and sterile gloves and alternative suppliers through the support of Heads of Procurement have been sourced. General PPE continues to improve though there remain some concerns about the supply of PPE in Primary Care, and this remains a high priority.

PCR testing (testing of swabs to see if people have the virus) continues to be in a strong position. SYB labs have capacity to undertake testing of NHS and social care patients and staff. In addition, members of the public with symptoms have access to swabbing via the regional testing sites at Doncaster Airport and Meadowhall as well as via the mobile testing units (MTUs) that are sited most days at Barnsley County Way, Rotherham AESSEAL stadium and Dearne Valley Leisure Centre. The MTU at Meadowhall continues to be one of the five busiest in England, typically undertaking more than 400 swabs per day.

For antibody testing, approximately 50% of all NHS staff in SYB have now been tested (up to 22nd June) although this varies between each of SYB's five Places; Doncaster and Bassetlaw were first to have the analytical capacity in the lab and most staff there have been tested.

With regards to the NHS reset, there is now a very strong case being considered for returning to fewer hospital Covid treatment sites in SYB. This would see the scale-down of the Covid surge capacity response, mirroring the original scaling up in March. At the same time, partners are now resuming some services, focusing on clinical priorities for those who most urgently require treatment. Cancer care continues to be one of the main priorities in SYB's system recovery plans and partners are working to review and reprioritise patients.

The System also has a role in supporting reset in the community. Working with partners in primary care and the community there is a need to ensure that population health and the needs of our communities post-Covid are understood and supported. This includes the plans that are underway for how to manage the follow-up and rehabilitation needs of patients who have had Covid.

Each of SYB's Local Authorities has a robust Local Outbreak Plan which is supported by a regular flow of data and led by Directors of Public Health. With the recent further easing of lockdown

measures at the beginning of July, partners' Plans took into account the potential for increase in demand, particularly in relation to urgent and emergency services.

2.2 National update

On June 9th, there was a joint session between ICS and STP Independent Chairs and Executive leaders with senior colleagues at NHSE where the future of system working was discussed. The event was one of a broader conversation on the future of systems, alongside further opportunities to be involved in the coming months.

2.3 Regional Update

The North East and Humber Regional ICS Leaders continue to meet weekly with the NHS England and Improvement Regional Director to discuss where support during Covid-19 should be focused. Discussions during June focused on improving BAME inclusion, outbreak management arrangements, support for care homes, supporting urgent and emergency care as public confidence returns and planning for Phase Three.

2.4 Planning for Phase 3 and Phase 4

Further NHS planning guidance and a financial framework are expected in mid-July. A first draft SYB System Plan, which is an amalgamation of all five Place Plans, is currently in development. It takes into account constraints such as workforce, estates management, infection control and PPE while also incorporating examples of best practice in SYB and nationally. There will be a final submission at the end of July.

To support the planning process, a workshop to stress test the restoration of broader health and sustainment of care services in a COVID environment with partners took place on June 1st. This valuable exercise explored four possible scenarios across Places, offering opportunities for colleagues across health and care to analyse local plans in order to make improvements. Feedback from the session was very positive, with the learning now being built into local plans.

2.5 Identifying and embedding transformational change across SYB and capturing learning from the Covid-19 crisis

The ICS Programme Management Office is working with the Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network to capture views of senior leaders and colleagues from across SYB's health and social care organisations to feed into the joint project: 'Identifying and embedding transformational change across SYB and capturing learning from the Covid-19 crisis'. To accurately capture and understand the innovation that is emerging, views are being gathered from those directly involved in the implementation of the rapid changes through an extensive consultation exercise.

2.6 Cancer update

Cancer care continues to be one of the main priorities in SYB's system recovery plans. Partners are working to review and reprioritise patients who have previously been on waiting lists. Those patients who have waited for a long time already and are a priority clinically are very much at the forefront of efforts to receive fast-track diagnostic and treatment services.

The results of the recently published NHS England and Improvement commissioned National Cancer Patient Experience Survey saw SYB 2% above the national average in the areas of patients thinking they were seen 'as soon as necessary' (86%) and the length of time 'waiting for tests to be done being about right' (90%). The survey monitors national progress on the patient's experience of cancer care and acts as a driver to improve quality at local level. This is strong evidence of the excellent work taking place across SYB.

2.7 Planning for Flu

Modelling for influenza infections in the UK is now starting to take place as preparations for winter get underway, with a recognition that this could occur alongside a further Covid-19 peak. This is firmly on the radar of SYB's testing cell which has started to devise a winter testing strategy to support the system level planning. Supporting this work will be a system level flu strategy, which will be made up of five Place plans and a SYB Flu Board.

2.8 Accelerating NHS progress on health inequalities during the next stage of COVID recovery

The disproportionate impact on people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, people living in areas of high deprivation and inclusion health groups shows starkly the health inequalities which persist in England today. The NHS Long-Term Plan commits the NHS to addressing health inequalities and much excellent work is underway already, particularly focused on medium and long-term action. But progress needs to be accelerated; responding to and recovering from COVID calls for more focused, additional and immediate actions.

To address this, NHS England and Improvement have established a Task and Finish Group, composed of a range of system leaders and voluntary sector partners, to focus on what specific, measurable actions should be taken by the NHS in the next few months. The Group will take account of feedback and ideas already received from BAME organisations, the VCSE sector, local systems and others.

This work is distinct from but complementary to the dedicated work on the NHS as an employer being led by the Chief People Officer on supporting our BAME NHS staff and implementing the NHS Workforce Race Equality Standard.

In SYB, the response to health inequalities is being taken forward by Workforce Leads, Kevan Taylor and Dean Royles.

2.9 Support for the Centre for Child Health Technology (CCHT)

The Sheffield MPs wrote to the Government to outline their support for a new world class research and innovation facility in Sheffield. The Sheffield Children's Hospital sponsored Centre for Child Health Technology (CCHT) at the Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park would be a multi-million transformational project supported by regional partners and international businesses including IBM Watson Health, Cannon Medical, Phillips and the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Integrated Care System. The site would span over 51,000 square metres, delivering world-class clinical and technical innovations to support children's health and wellbeing in SYB and beyond.

2.10 Sheffield City Region devolution deal agreed

South Yorkshire's devolution deal has finally been agreed and brought to the House of Commons. This is a significant step forward for South Yorkshire's economy and our congratulations go to Dan Jarvis, Mayor of the Sheffield City Region, and his team on this fantastic achievement. Once passed into law, an additional £30million pounds will be allocated to Sheffield City Region for regeneration projects supporting local growth and transformation. This is a great example of partnership working and its long-term impact is likely to shape the lives of the population for years to come.

2.11 Volunteers and Carers

Partners recognised the thousands of carers in SYB during Carers Week (8-14 June). Many of the patients who visit GP surgeries or go into hospital are cared for by a relative or have caring responsibilities themselves. Carers Week was a timely opportunity to thank them for all they do and particularly for their vital role in helping vulnerable people manage their health and care needs during the coronavirus outbreak.

It was also National Volunteers Week 1-7 June. Likewise, volunteers bring significant added value to health and care organisations with their experience and talent and the week was a great opportunity to thank the many thousands of volunteers in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw for all they do.

3. Finance update

A new national financial framework is being developed to cover the period from August 2020 to March 2021 which is built upon the financial framework adopted for the period from April 2020 to July 2020. This will form part of the planning guidance is due to be released shortly.

The system has submitted capital plans to the region which total £47.1m which cover both the 'base case' and 'stepped up case' planning assumptions provided for this exercise. Further work is being undertaken to prioritise these schemes if the system is provided with a cash limited financial envelope to cover such expenditure.

From March to July 2020, commissioners and providers have been funded at actual cost to enable a break even position each month. From August 2020 to March 2021 this will be replaced with a cash limited sum which will replace the retrospective top-ups to commissioners and providers to allow them to break even and to reimburse costs associated with COVID 19. The intention is to provide systems rather than organisations with a financial envelope.

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