

CCG Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic

Governing Body meeting

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Purpose of Paper	
To give the Governing Body a high level brief on CCG's response to the pandemic since March 2020.	
Key Issues	
The infographic highlights some of the work the CCG has done since March keeping patients and staff safe during the pandemic. It includes the numbers of staff who have been swabbed and tested for covid antibodies, the IT response to practices and staff, and the supply of PPE.	
Is your report for Approval / Consideration / Noting	
For consideration and noting	
Recommendations / Action Required by Governing Body	
The Governing Body is asked to consider and note the CCG's response to the pandemic	
What assurance does this report provide to the Governing Body in relation to Governing Body Assurance Framework (GBAF) objectives?	
<p>Which of the CCG's Objectives does this paper support?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the impact of health inequalities on peoples' health and wellbeing through working with Sheffield City Council and partners • Lead the improvement of quality of care and standards • Improve health care sustainability and affordability • Be a compassionate and inclusive employer that maximises the potential of our people 	
Are there any Resource Implications (including Financial, Staffing etc)?	
No	
Have you carried out an Equality Impact Assessment and is it attached?	
Not applicable for this paper	

Have you involved patients, carers and the public in the preparation of the report?

Not applicable for this paper.

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The information in Appendix A highlights some of the work of the NHS in Sheffield to support the covid-19 pandemic efforts and help people living in Sheffield stay safe and well.

Since the start of the outbreak NHS Sheffield CCG and Primary Care Sheffield (PCS) have tested over 2,600 staff for covid-19. The service, run by nurses and other staff redeployed from the CCG and PCS, has tested GP practice staff, care home staff, CCG staff, voluntary sector workers and those working in domiciliary care. Staff running the service ensured it was set up quickly and efficiently to enable key health workers to be tested and either return to work if negative or isolate and stop the spread if positive.

GP practices in Sheffield have continued to provide excellent urgent care and some routine services, they have been offering more telephone and video consultations so patients can stay safe at home. In April, the first month of lockdown, 76,815 telephone consultations were carried out. Practices have been ensuring surgeries are clean and safe for those who need face-to-face appointments.

A team from the CCG have been working hard to make sure that GP practices have enough personal protective equipment (PPE) during the pandemic. 19,000 items of PPE have been distributed to practices since the start of the outbreak, because of this, no practices ran out of equipment keeping staff and patients safe.

The CCG has also been supporting care homes across the city, ensuring infection prevention and control measure are taken to help stop the spread of the virus in homes. All of the care homes in Sheffield have been trained to use PPE correctly and CCG nurses have delivered infection prevention and control training to care home staff.

Sheffield's prescription order line has seen an increase of 20% in calls during lockdown, the team have continued to provide an excellent service, ordering prescriptions for patients and care homes. Pharmacies across Sheffield have remained open and have been working hard to fulfil prescriptions and offer advice and treatment for minor illness and conditions, keeping GPs and hospitals free for those that really need it.

Our new in-house IT service worked hard in building and supplying over 700 laptops to GP practices to keep services running and 180 laptops so CCG staff could be safe and work from home.

Appendix A

Our response to Covid-19 so far

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