

Principal Objectives - 2021/22

Executive Lead

Objective 1	1. Reduce the impact of health inequalities on peoples' health and wellbeing through working with Sheffield City Council and partners	Brian Hughes
Objective 2	2. Lead the improvement of quality of care and standards	Alun Windle
Objective 3	3. Bring care closer to home	Sandie Buchan
Objective 4	4. Improve health care sustainability and affordability	Jackie Mills
Objective 5	5. Be a caring employer that values diversity and maximises the potential of our people	Lesley Smith

Introduction

GBAF 2021/22, August 2021- November 2021

The Governing Body Assurance Framework aims to identify the principal or strategic risks to the delivery of the CCG's strategic objectives. It sets out the controls that are in place to manage the risks and the assurances that show if the controls are having the desired impact. It identifies the gaps in control and hence the key mitigating actions required to reduce the risks towards the target or appetite risk score. It also identifies any gaps in assurance and what actions can be taken to increase assurance to the CCG.

The table below sets out the strategic objectives lists the various principal risks that relate to them and highlights where gaps in control or assurance have been identified. Further details can be found on the supporting pages for each of the Principal Risks.

Strategic Objective	Risk	Principal Risk Identified	Risk Owner	Risk Initial Score	Risk Score Q1	Risk current Score	Risk Target or Appetite Score	Are there GAPS in control?	Are there GAPS in assurance?
1. Reduce the impact of health inequalities on peoples' health and wellbeing through working with Sheffield City Council and partners(Lead: Brian Hughes)	1.1	There is a risk that our agreed joint commissioning priorities do not deliver the anticipated impact on improving the health and well being of our population, and a positive impact on reducing health inequalities. The backlog of service deliver, and recovery (economic and service delivery) from the pandemic could have a significant impact on the delivery of our priorities.	BH	12	12	12	9	No	No
	1.2	There is a risk that, due to insufficient data/intelligence and clinical leadership across health, education and social care, we fail to make sufficient progress to implement the key developments required to achieve our goal of giving every child and young person the best start in life , potentially increasing demand on health, education and care services.	SB	12	12	12	6	No	No
	1.3	There is a risk that due to the increase in demand, the magnitude of change required and lack of workforce capacity, we are unable to make sufficient progress on delivering our all age mental health objectives, and as a result fail to impact on the health and social inequalities faced by people with mental health conditions, learning disability and autism, resulting in reduced life expectancy.	SB	16	16	12	9	No	No
	1.4	There is a risk that inequalities have worsened as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic due to elective activity being paused and exacerbating those with long term conditions.	SB	20	20	20	12	No	No
2. Lead the improvement of quality of care and standards (Lead: Alun Windle)	2.1	There is a risk that organisations fail to meet quality standards, resulting in reduced quality of services, increased patient safety risks and a lack of satisfaction in commissioned services.	AW	16	16	16	9	No	No
	2.2	There is a risk that system wide or specific provider capacity problems emerge in secondary and/or primary care that hinder the recovery of service delivery post COVID as well as delivery of statutory requirements of the NHS Constitution, Long Term Plan and 2021/2022 Operational Plan expectations.	SB	20	20	20	9	No	No
	2.3	There is a risk that we fail to effectively engage and communicate our messages with the public and involve patients and carers in CCG and system priorities and service developments, leading to loss of confidence in CCG decisions, potential legal challenge and barriers to progressing required change.	BH	16	16	12	8	No	No
	2.4	There is a risk that there is insufficient workforce to deliver high quality care across the health care economy, particularly in primary and secondary care covering all professions due to increasing demands on health services	AW	12	12	12	9	No	No
	2.5	There is a risk that insufficient preparedness to deal with significant emergency events mean that if those events occur local health services may be overwhelmed, distorting delivery of our priorities. We need to ensure our response reflects the lessons learned and experiences from the Covid Pandemic	BH	15	15	15	8	No	No
	2.6	There is a risk that the CCG may not meet Flu Vaccine requirements set by NHEI 2021/22, due to availability of vaccine, workforce capacity with other vaccination programmes, access to vulnerable Cohorts in a period of both Covid and General practice work recovery and restoration	AW	12	12	12	9	Yes	No
	2.7	There is a risk that the CCG is unable to deliver on national expectations of uptake of the Covid 19 vaccine due to the lack of workforce, vaccine supply, or the appetite of our population, resulting in our population not being protected from the virus, higher morbidity and mortality, continued high demand for health and care services and in inability to restart the local economy.	AW	16	16	16	9	No	No
3. Bring care closer to home(Lead: Sandie Buchan)	3.1	There is a risk that we have insufficient capacity and resources to support development of Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and primary care at scale working or that PCNs are overwhelmed by multiple demands for their involvement.	SB	16	16	16	9	No	No
	3.2	There is a risk that there is insufficient resilience in primary and community care , in particular GP practices but also in the community pharmacy, care providers and the voluntary sector, that we are unable to expand capacity in primary and community care.	SB	16	20	20	6	No	No
	3.3	Inability to secure active engagement/participation and involvement of PCN Clinical Directors, Members Practices and relevant CCG teams which may result in not achieving CCG priorities.	ZM	9	9	9	6	No	No
	3.4	There is a risk that the capacity and role of the voluntary and community sector is not fully realised as part of our system infrastructure and presence	BH	12	12	12	6	No	No
4. Improve health care sustainability and affordability(Lead: Jackie Mills)	4.1	There is a risk that the financial challenges of our own organisation and that of our system partners distort our short term spending priorities and prevent us investing in the key areas to deliver our objectives	JM	16	16	12	9	No	No
	4.2	There is a risk that the proposed legislative changes and potential dissolution of the CCG have a disruptive effect on commissioning and provider partnerships during 2021/22 resulting in failure to secure the level of transformation required and an ability to deliver on our joint objectives.	LS	12	12	12	6	No	No
	4.3	There is a risk that our digital infrastructure is inadequately maintained/developed and thus impacts our ability to deliver safe, efficient and high quality health and care services and make informed decisions. This is both a current issue and is also a risk for the delivery of the digital strategy building blocks.	CT	12	12	12	9	No	No
	4.4	There is a risk that the estates infrastructure is inadequately maintained/developed and so impacts on the ability to integrate services/bring services closer to home.	JM	12	12	12	9	No	No
	4.5	There is a risk that we fail to address the impact that the services that we commission have on the environment .	ZM	12	12	12	9	No	No
	4.6	There is a risk that our internal QIPP plan does not deliver the level of efficiency changes required to enable us invest in the services that we have prioritised to achieve our objectives either because the schemes are not developed robustly or because we have insufficient people/resources to deliver it or we cannot engage key partners appropriately.	SB	16	16	12	9	No	No
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5. Be a caring employer that values diversity and maximises the potential of our people(Lead: Lesley Smith)	5.1	There is a risk that the proposed legislative changes and potential dissolution of the CCG have a disruptive effect during 2021/22 causing anxiety and uncertainty in staff and that we have insufficient workforce to deliver our organisational objectives and commissioning intentions during times of major change.	LS	12	12	16	9	Yes	No
	5.2	There is a risk that if we do not engage actively in the co- design of the future arrangements for place and commissioning we will not have maximised the potential of our staff and their contribution to an integrated health and care system.	LS	12	12	12	9	Yes	No
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	5.4	There is a risk that due to the wide range of staff home working experiences during the pandemic, our post-pandemic flexible working arrangements will not cater for the needs of all our staff.	CT	12	12	12	9	No	No

The Risk Ratings used in the Assurance Framework are based on the following risk stratification table:

	Likelihood						
	1 Rare	2 Unlikely	3 Possible	4 Likely	5 Almost certain		
Consequence	1 Negligible	1	2	3	4	5	1 to 3
	2 Minor	2	4	6	8	10	4 to 9
	3 Moderate	3	6	9	12	15	10 to 14
	4 Major	4	8	12	16	20	15 to 19
	5 Catastrophic	5	10	15	20	25	20 to 25

Gaps in Control or Assurance

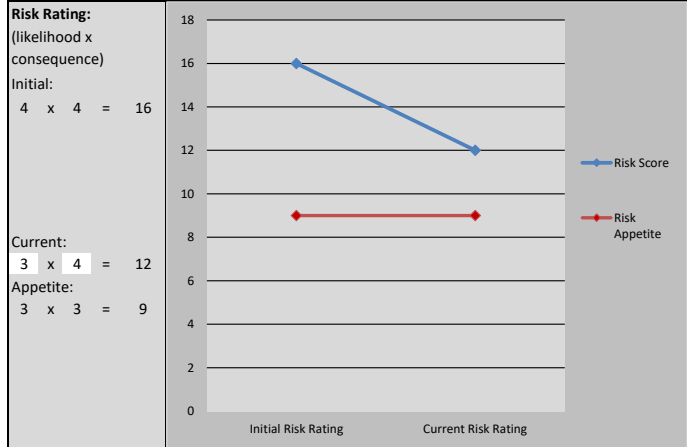
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Strategic Objective	Principal Risk identified	Risk Owner	Risk Initial Score	Risk current Score	Risk Target or Appetite Score	Are there GAPS in control?	Reason for Gap in Control	Action taken to reduce Gap in Control	Are there Gap in Assurance?	Reason for Gap in Assurance	Action taken to reduce Gap in Assurance
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	5.2 There is a risk that if we do not engage actively in the co- design of the future arrangements for place and commissioning we will not have maximised the potential of our staff and their contribution to an integrated health and care system.	LS	12	12	9	Yes	The lack of confirmation regarding the ICB CEO is slowing down progress in HR processes which are required to minimise the period of uncertainty for staff.	As soon allowed CEO announcement will be made. Plans are being put in place to ensure the next HR steps are undertaken as quickly as possible.	No		
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Principal Risk	1.1 There is a risk that our agreed joint commissioning priorities do not deliver the anticipated impact on improving the health and well being of our population, and a positive impact on reducing health inequalities. The backlog of service deliver, and recovery (economic and service delivery) from the pandemic could have a significant impact on the delivery of our priorities.	Date last reviewed:	02 December 2021	
Risk Rating: (likelihood x consequence) Initial: 3 x 4 = 12 Current: 3 x 4 = 12 Appetite: 3 x 3 = 9		Rationale for current score: (max 180 words)		
		Whilst we have made significant progress in developing and agreeing our joint commissioning plan and priorities for focus, the impact of recovery from the pandemic could have a significant impact on the ability for us to make progress on delivery of these priorities		
		Rationale for risk appetite:		
		There is a risk that the level of recovery needed within services may impact on the progress we aim to achieve, including the positive impact we want to have on reducing health inequalities, but we have stronger mechanisms in place, with priorities aligned to partners ambitions, and a more proactive reach into communities to monitor the impact of changes		
Existing Controls: (What are we doing about the risk prior to any new mitigating actions?) Section 75 BCF Agreement in place. Monthly meeting of a Joint Executive Management Group (EMG) reporting to Joint Committee, Governing Body, HWBB, Cabinet and ACP Board. CCG Operation Plan 21/22. Joint plan signed off by SCC and CCG GB, and ACP Board		Existing Gaps in Control:	Please select	No
		(Where are we failing to put controls in place and what more should be done?)		
Mitigating Actions: (What additional controls are to be put in place to further strengthen existing controls and by what date?)				
Action		Date	Completed	
Sheffield Wide Outcomes Framework to monitor impact of Health Inequalities - first draft to all Boards/public meetings		Oct-21	Yes	
Operation Plan 21/22 approved by GB		Jul-21	Yes	
Assurances: (Where should we find the evidence that controls are effective?)		Positive Assurance: (Provide specific evidence of Assurances)		
Two Health Inequalities Groups (CCG and HWB)		Updates monthly to EMG	External	
Governing Body (GB)		Updates to Governing Body	Internal	
Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC)		Updates to Joint Commissioning Committee	External	
		Updates to CCG Health Inequalities Group	Internal	
		Updated to the Health and Wellbeing Group	External	
Gaps in assurance: (Where are we failing to gain evidence that our controls are effective?)	Please select	No		
Principal Risk Reference:		1.1		

Principal Objective 1. Reduce the impact of health inequalities on peoples' health and wellbeing through working with Sheffield City Council and partners		Director Lead: Sandie Buchan -Director of Commissioning Development
Principal risk 1.3	There is a risk that due to the increase in demand, the magnitude of change required and lack of workforce capacity, we are unable to make sufficient progress on delivering our all age mental health objectives, and as a result fail to impact on the health and social inequalities faced by people with mental health conditions, learning disability and autism, resulting in reduced life expectancy.	Date last reviewed: 02 December 2021



Rationale for current score:

Whilst some progress is being made in terms of investment in new services by CCG against the national MH LTP, and MH Minimum Investment Standard targets (MHMIS) there have been significant increases in demand prior to and since Covid 19 pandemic, for all MH services, leading to increased waiting times, which impacts on timely access for people experiencing a range of MH conditions, from common to severe. We have predicted that this position will be made worse due to the psychological consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Nationally and locally Parity of Esteem between funding and availability of MH services compared to physical health services still exists and impacts on health inequalities.

Rationale for risk appetite:

Whilst strategic leadership by SCCG with partners is helping to influence the system wide change required to address inequality, which will reduce this risk over time, it is recognised that disparity of esteem between how we view and invest in MH services compared to physical health services is a societal issue, which the CCG will not be able to impact upon alone. The risk appetite reflects that work that the CCG expects to be able to do with partners to improve outcomes for people.

Existing Controls: (What are we doing about the risk prior to any new mitigating actions?)

The Sheffield MH Transformation Programme. The MH, LD, Autism and Dementia Board (MHLDDA). Mental Health 1 of 3 key priorities for the JCC. 2 jointly funded Assistant Director Posts (CCG/SCC). Sheffield Mental Health Strategy (draft presented to MHLDDA in early February 2021). A LD Strategy in development. The Dementia Strategy published. A strategy for Autistic Spectrum Conditions is in development. Sheffield CCG has been successful in bidding for additional financial allocation to ICS/NHSEI for a number of programmes of work across mental health including Primary Care Mental Health Service roll out across the city; Alternatives to Crisis Care; Improving Flow/Winter planning. Meeting Mental Health Minimum Investment Standards. Operational Plan 21/22. System wide process to stand up a clinical forum when 16-17 year olds present at A&E in mental health crisis. Mental health capacity discussed at operational forums to mitigate increase in demand and workforce issues such as H&SC Gold/Silver, ICS system calls, Sheffield Winter Operational Plan.

Existing Gaps in Control: Please select Yes No

(Where are we failing to put controls in place and what more should be done?)

Mitigating actions: (What additional controls are to be put in place to further strengthen existing controls and by what date?)

Action	Date	Completed
Deep Dive to GB on the crisis pathway	Jul-21	Yes
Sheffield wide protocol agreed with partners	Jun-21	Yes
Lessons learnt review jointly funded by SCCG and SCC on recent incidents (Preceeded by NHSE funded review)	Dec-21	
Operation Plan 21/22 approved by GB	Jul-21	Yes
System wide process agreed and in place to manage 16-17 year olds in mental health crisis who attend A&E	Nov-21	Yes
Workforce shortages being reviewed across the whole Sheffield system by Providers to look at mitigating actions	Dec-21	
All age eating disorder service established	Mar-22	

Assurances: (Where should we find the evidence that controls are effective?)

CCG Governing Body Minutes.
Mental Health, Learning Disability and Dementia Delivery Board Minutes.
Feedback from Service User, Carer and Experts by Experience groups.
QEIA Completed for all aspects of joint work.
Contract Management Group/Board Minutes
Governing Body (GB)
Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC)

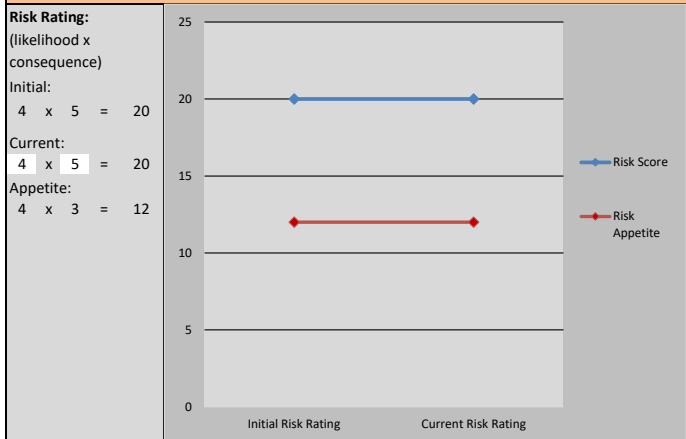
Positive Assurance: (Provide specific evidence of Assurances)

Co-production a core element of all project and programme plans. Evidence of Co- Presentations to Board on MH Strategy and Learning Disability Strategy
Evidence of recruitment to posts in SHSC and SCH
Bids submitted to ICS/NHSEI for Primary Care MH programme; Alternatives to Crisis Care
Rapid Impact Assessment presented to H&SC Gold command as evidence of rising demand
Updates to Joint Commissioning Committee

Gaps in assurance: (Where are we failing to gain evidence that our controls are effective?) Please select Yes No

Principal Risk Reference: 1.3

Principal Objective	1. Reduce the impact of health inequalities on peoples' health and wellbeing through working with Sheffield City Council and partners	Director Lead:	Sandie Buchan -Director of Commissioning Development
Principal risk 1.4	There is a risk that inequalities have worsened as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic due to elective activity being paused and exacerbating those with long term conditions.	Date last reviewed:	02 December 2021



Rationale for current score:
It is well documented that the COVID pandemic has had a major impact on our population and has widened the gap of health inequalities. Therefore, as we are currently still in wave 3 of the pandemic, the likelihood is certain that this has happened with the consequence being high. Until we are out of lockdown and proceed with recovering elective activity services, this risk will remain high.

Rationale for risk appetite:
Recovery of the elective activity is a Sheffield place priority and is embedded within Sheffield CCG's commissioning plan for 2021/22. It is however recognised that there are a number of risks that underpin the achievement of the recovery plan. These include the continued unknowns of demand around the COVID-19 pandemic, the national planning guidance requirements that will be published late March and the complexity of the elective activity due to having longer waits due to the pandemic. The waiting lists have increased over the past 12 months and the waiting time has also increased. The Sheffield recovery plan will therefore depend on a number of factors and it is recognised that this will take longer than 12 months to fully recover. Managing inequalities as well as the backlog will be factored into the recovery plan whilst ensuring clinical decision making remains at the heart of the plan.

Existing Controls: (What are we doing about the risk prior to any new mitigating actions?)
Operational Plan 21/22, SYB Accelerator programme
Sheffield place submitted a 21/22 H2 plan to eliminate 104+ week waiters and to stabilise the number of people waiting 52+ weeks.
Increase utilisation of independent sector.
Increased capacity in Primary Care to support those people waiting for elective treatment.
Extended CASES programme for a further 2 years to provide advice and guidance between secondary and primary care clinicians.
ICS system wide mutual aid support as and when required.

Existing Gaps in Control: Please select No

(Where are we failing to put controls in place and what more should be done?)

Mitigating actions: (What additional controls are to be put in place to further strengthen existing controls and by what date?)

Action	Date	Completed
Operation Plan 21/22 approved by GB	Jul-21	Yes
Diabetes one stop clinic pilot established	Jun-21	Yes
System accelerator program commenced to clear elective backlog	May-21	Yes
Funding identification of programme team to deliver at pace (using ERF/accelerator funding)	Jul-21	Yes
Sheffield place plan submitted to identify meeting national assumptions of reducing elective waiting list	Nov-21	Yes

Assurances: (Where should we find the evidence that controls are effective?)

Assurance	Positive Assurance: (Provide specific evidence of Assurances)	Source
SCCG 20/21 Plans	In comparison to other core cities, we are one of the best performing CCGs	
SYB Monitoring	Updates to Governing Body	Internal
GB performance report	Updates to Joint Commissioning Committee	External
Governing Body (GB)		
Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC)		

Gaps in assurance: (Where are we failing to gain evidence that our controls are effective?) Please select No

Principal Risk Reference: 1.4

Principal Objective: 2. Lead the improvement of quality of care and standards		Director Lead:	Brian Hughes - Deputy Accountable Officer
Principal Risk: 2.3 There is a risk that we fail to effectively engage and communicate our messages with the public and involve patients and carers in CCG and system priorities and service developments, leading to loss of confidence in CCG decisions, potential legal challenge and barriers to progressing required change.		Date last reviewed:	02 December 2021

Risk Rating: (likelihood x Appetite) Initial: 4 x 4 = 16 Current: 3 x 4 = 12 Appetite 2 x 4 = 8		Rationale for current score: The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted on the way in which people and communities are able to engage and communicate. Additionally, the CCG has had to make rapid decisions to ensure that appropriate care is accessible to people so time to engage, communicate and consider decisions has been limited. As we reset we will need to consider how the changes that need to be sustained and how it engages and communicates appropriately with the public on this. The transformational changes we seek will require significant engagement with public and patients to ensure public understanding and compliance with good practice. There is a risk that the population do not engage with the proposed changes, focussed on creating independence, self-care and education, and we end up with a system that encourages dependence on it. The reputation of the CCG's decisions need to reflect the needs of the population and be influenced by them.
		Rationale for risk appetite: We should have mechanisms in place that make effective engagement and securing the capacity to deliver it routinely; therefore the likelihood of failure to engage and potential challenge "unlikely" at worst.

Existing Controls: <i>(What are we doing about the risk prior to any new mitigating actions?)</i> Communication and Engagement Strategy and Engagement Plan developed and approved. Strategic Patient Experience, Engagement and Equality Committee (SPEEC) led by GB lay member in place, with Terms of Reference refreshed annually. Working with the Consultation Institute to provide briefings and training to key committees, senior staff and operational staff on legal requirements and best practice. Plan on how meet legal duties around the temporary closure of services approved by SPIECC. Process introduced to double check all relevant SMT papers include a QEIA and have developed training tool for staff. Share proposals on potential change with OSC for comment and decision early. Carried out training on statutory duties with commissioning directorate staff. Training on equality duties will all CCG directorates. Weekly comms meeting with Sheffield partners		Existing Gaps in Control: <i>(Where are we failing to put controls in place and what more should be done?)</i> Please select <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Mitigating actions: <i>(What additional controls are to be put in place to further strengthen existing controls and by what date?)</i>		
Action:	Date	Completed
Establish funding for project group to co-ordinate engagement across Sheffield Communities	Oct-21	Yes

Assurances: <i>(Where should we find the evidence that controls are effective?)</i>		Positive Assurance: <i>(Provide specific evidence of Assurances) Please select Internal / External</i>	
H&WB Engagement Group	Programme Management Framework		Internal
Governing Body	Minutes of SPIECC		Internal
Strategic Public Involvement Experience Equality Committee (SPIECC)	Patient experience and engagement reports received by GB		External
QEIA Policy	Governing Body minutes		Internal
	Communication with the Healthier Communities Scrutiny Committee		External
Gaps in assurance: <i>(Where are we failing to gain evidence that our controls are effective?)</i>		Please select <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Principal Risk Reference:			2.3

Principal Objective: 2. Lead the improvement of quality of care and standards		Director Lead:	Brian Hughes - Deputy Accountable Officer	
Principal Risk: 2.5 There is a risk that insufficient preparedness to deal with significant emergency events mean that if those events occur local health services may be overwhelmed, distorting delivery of our priorities. We need to ensure our response reflects the lessons learned and experiences from the Covid Pandemic		Date last reviewed:	02 December 2021	
Risk Rating: (likelihood x consequence) Initial: 5 x 3 = 15 Current: 5 x 3 = 15 Appetite 2 x 4 = 8			Rationale for current score:	
	<p>Annual assurance process undertaken against EPRR readiness. Lived experience and learning from the command and control structures as part of the current pandemic, alongside implementation plans for the UK exiting the EU. However, these need to be flexible enough to deal with any different or escalating threats.</p>		Rationale for risk appetite:	
Existing Controls: <i>(What are we doing about the risk prior to any new mitigating actions?)</i> There is an Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response Policy and Business Continuity Policy in place approved by Governance Sub-committee. Each team is requested to prepare a Business Continuity Plan and BCP leads meet quarterly to review plans and agree desk top exercises. CCG staff have a laptop to allow remote working. Citywide health and social care cell reinstated as required. Healthcare management across SYB. EPRR support across SYB.		Existing Gaps in Control: Please select <input type="radio"/> No (Where are we failing to put controls in place and what more should be done?)		
Mitigating actions: <i>(What additional controls are to be put in place to further strengthen existing controls and by what date?)</i>				
Action:		Date	Completed	
Review of EPRR policy to include command and control structure		Apr-21	Yes	
ACP Gold Cell Lessons learnt debrief complete and circulated		Aug-21	Yes	
City wide gold cell (Chief Executive level) re-established and meeting routinely through winter period		Nov-21	Yes	
Assurances: <i>(Where should we find the evidence that controls are effective?)</i>		Positive Assurance: <i>(Provide specific evidence of Assurances)</i>		
Governing Body (GB) meetings	Governance Sub-committee mins and notes of meetings		Internal	
Governance Sub Committee (GSC) meetings	EPRR Self-assessment tool - LRF Confirm and Challenge		Internal	
	EPRR Policy		Internal	
	Governing Body minutes		Internal	
Gaps in assurance: <i>(Where are we failing to gain evidence that our controls are effective?)</i>		Please select	<input type="radio"/> No	
Principal Risk Reference:		2.5		

Principal Objective: 2. Lead the improvement of quality of care and standards	Director Lead: Alun Windle, Chief Nurse																																																																																	
Principal Risk: 2.6 There is a risk that the CCG may not meet Flu Vaccine requirements set by NHSEI 2021/22, due to availability of vaccine, workforce capacity with other vaccination programmes, access to vulnerable Cohorts in a period of both Covid and General practice work recovery and restoration	Date last reviewed: 02 December 2021																																																																																	
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Rationale for current score: The increased population eligibility for Flu Vaccinations has remained the same as last year as has the deliverable criteria, access to national stocks of vaccine and local systems to working together effectively may reduce the ability to meet the national vaccination target requirements. There is a slight risk linked to vaccine availability in the time constraints required. Increasing Covid vaccination requirements in Q3 is impacting capacity to deliver the flu vaccine from a workforce perspective. Delivery to housebound patients remains a risk as normal.																																																																																		
Rationale for risk appetite: To ensure as far as possible that the eligible population of Sheffield will receive an annual vaccination, recognising the rate limiting factors of flu vaccine and workforce availability, the target for delivery is 75% of the population.																																																																																		
Existing Controls: (What are we doing about the risk prior to any new mitigating actions?) Development of the Sheffield Flu Plan, oversight provided by the ICS Flu Board and Urgent and Emergency Board. Covid/Flu discussions with PCNS on weekly basis, CCG Flu Group (during flu season). Reporting metrics due in December.	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Existing Gaps in Control:</th> <th>Please select</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>(Where are we failing to put controls in place and what more should be done?) There are national vaccine supply issues beyond the CCG's control. Vaccine is distributed where most needed as and when available. The CCG cannot do any more.</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Existing Gaps in Control:	Please select	(Where are we failing to put controls in place and what more should be done?) There are national vaccine supply issues beyond the CCG's control. Vaccine is distributed where most needed as and when available. The CCG cannot do any more.	Yes																																																																													
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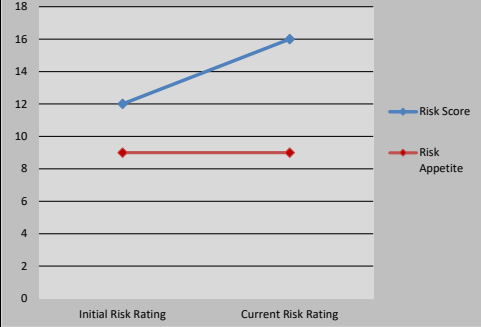
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Risk Rating: (likelihood x consequence) Initial: 4 x 4 = 16 Current: 4 x 4 = 16 Appetite: 3 x 3 = 9		Rationale for current score: There are significant expectations of emerging PCNs. The role of the PCN CDs during Covid has been significant, and has involved hours beyond those funded via the Network DES; there is a risk that the system ask of PCN CD time is greater than that available. The GP contract identifies significant additional resources to support their development, although there are risks that there is insufficient trained workforce to undertake the additional roles.																																																								
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Principal Objective:	3. Bring care closer to home	Director Lead:	Sandie Buchan -Director of Commissioning Development	
Principal Risk:	3.2 There is a risk that there is insufficient resilience in primary and community care, in particular GP practices but also in the community pharmacy, care providers and the voluntary sector, that we are unable to expand capacity in primary and community care.	Date last reviewed:	02 December 2021	
Risk Rating: (likelihood x consequence) Initial: 4 x 4 = 16 Current: 4 x 4 = 16 Appetite: 3 x 2 = 6		Rationale for current score: Current known issues in relation to resilience in a number of GP practices, as well potential risks in relation to the new community pharmacy contract may limit the ability to implement agreed changes. In addition, risks in relation to resilience of a small number of care providers and voluntary sector organisations may lead to transfer of demand into primary care, again limiting ability to move more care closer to home. The Covid-19 pandemic has introduced further risks in relation to the ability for practices to be able to respond to local outbreaks or significant impact on their workforce as a result of either shielding or a requirement to isolate due to nosocomial transmission. The risk score has decreased this quarter due to the number of mitigating actions being put in place to increase capacity and delivery service improvements to assist in the ongoing pressures within primary care.		
		Rationale for risk appetite: A resilient primary and community care sector is vital if we are to achieve our aim of moving more care closer to the patients normal residence.		
Existing Controls: <i>(What are we doing about the risk prior to any new mitigating actions?)</i> Primary Care Co-commissioning Committee (PCCC). Local GPFV plan is regularly reviewed. Continued engagement with primary care managers and clinicians ensures effective implementation. ACP Primary Care workstream reviewing priorities for development in the wider primary care arena. ACP EDG reviewing overall priorities, including the role of the voluntary/third sector. EMG overseeing joint commissioning work in relation to the care sector. Operational Plan 21/22 SCCG coordination group identified as the system Bronze group to discuss primary care pressures and oversee actions in relation to the winter delivery plans. These will be escalated to the system silver/gold forums as and when necessary.		Existing Gaps in Control: <i>(Where are we failing to put controls in place and what more should be done?)</i> Please select <input type="radio"/> No		
Mitigating actions: <i>(What additional controls are to be put in place to further strengthen existing controls and by what date?)</i>				
Action:			Date	Completed
Review of the sustainability of the care home sector overseen by EMG: Update, currently ongoing and being led by SCC			Mar-22	No
Paper to ACP EDG regarding critical position of primary care (presented by GP leaders)			Sep-21	Yes
Operation Plan 21/22 approved by GB			Jul-21	Yes
Plans to increase capacity and improve systems developed and implemented			Mar-22	
Assurances: <i>(Where should we find the evidence that controls are effective?)</i>		Positive Assurance: <i>(Provide specific evidence of Assurances) Please select Internal/External</i>		
Updates to Governing Body		GB minutes Internal		
Operational Plan 2021/22		ACP EDG minutes External		
SMT		ACP Primary Care Workstream work plan External		
SCCG coordination group		EMG minutes External		
Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC)		2021/22 Commissioning Plan Internal		
Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC)				
Gaps in assurance: <i>(Where are we failing to gain evidence that our controls are effective?)</i>		Please select <input type="radio"/> No		
Principal Risk Reference:			3.2	

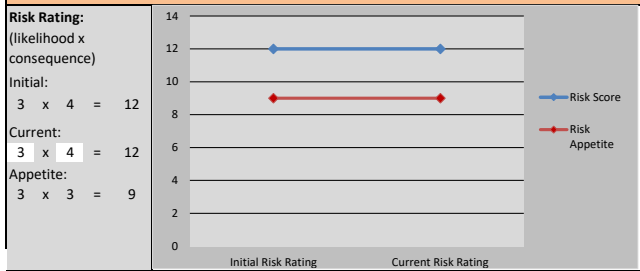
Principal Objective: 3. Bring care closer to home		Director Lead: Zak McMurray - Medical Director
Principal Risk: 3.3 Inability to secure active engagement/participation and involvement of PCN Clinical Directors, Members Practices and relevant CCG teams which may result in not achieving CCG priorities.		Date last reviewed: 02 December 2021
Risk Rating: (likelihood x consequence) Initial: 3 x 3 = 9 Current: 3 x 3 = 9 Appetite: 2 x 3 = 6		Rationale for current score: The engagement of member practices is key to delivering the strategic objectives of the CCG. Primary Care capacity is one of the key challenges to the CCG. During the Covid situation there has been a high level of engagement with Member practices via PCNs, the opportunity for engagement is now much higher as a result of Covid-19 pandemic. The CLG has been rejuvenated and is active, chaired by a GB GP member. The MD meets with CLG Chair monthly to discuss agendas. The Covid vaccination programme has enhanced engagement with the support given to practices. There are weekly catch up sessions with CDs, the MD, AO and Chair with regard to issues with the vaccination programme and supporting PCNs and practices. Sir Andrew Cash (ICS) joins the meetings monthly. We are also working closely with PCS with regard to PCN development.
Existing Controls: (What are we doing about the risk prior to any new mitigating actions?) Clinical directors in post with executive role to give clear clinical direction for the organisation. Regular engagement with practices. Regular monthly meetings with locality managers to understand level of engagement. Attendance at PLI events. Attendance at Members Council where practices able to raise concerns with MD. Regular meetings with LMC. Work underway to rejuvenate CRG and reinvigorate ideas. CCG structure includes GP involvement at GB and its associated committees, Coordination Group and H&WB Board. Localities also collaborate through the city-wide Locality Group where membership includes links to the commissioning portfolios. Executive Lead for each locality. Revised ToR for CLG which is chaired by the CCG Chair has strengthened links between localities and CCG. Programme directors included in practice visits as part of PCCC in which CDs involved. The MD together with the CE from PCS are attending locality meetings with a view to increasing engagement with practices. Regular meetings between GB GPs and LMS. Dr Tom Holdsworth, PCN Network Chair (new role) now works within the CCG clinical executive, in a liaison role across to PCNs. Strengthening relationship with LMC puts us in a good position for transition, with more working together to resolve issues.		Existing Gaps in Control: Please select No (Where are we failing to put controls in place and what more should be done?)
Mitigating actions: (What additional controls are to be put in place to further strengthen existing controls and by what date?)		
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Assurances: (Where should we find the evidence that controls are effective?)		Positive Assurance: (Provide specific evidence of Assurances) Please select Internal/External
Minutes from city-wide locality group meetings		Reports to GB and PCCC and minutes of meetings Internal
Minutes from LMC / CCG meetings		Regular Joint Covid updates to practices (via Teams) by Sheffield Director of Public Health, Greg Fell and CCG Medical Director External
Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC)		Discussions with LMC about improved access and funding arrangements reflected in LMC External
		LMC city-wide meetings and locality group meetings are well attended External
Gaps in assurance: (Where are we failing to gain evidence that our controls are effective?)		Please select No
Principal Risk Reference:		3.3

Principal Objective: 4. Improve health care sustainability and affordability		Director Lead:	Jackie Mills - Director of Finance
Principal Risk: 4.4 There is a risk that the estates infrastructure is inadequately maintained/developed and so impacts on the ability to integrate services/bring services closer to home.		Date last reviewed:	02 December 2021
Risk Rating: (likelihood x consequence) Initial: 3 x 4 = 12 Current: 3 x 4 = 12 Appetite: 3 x 3 = 9		Rationale for current score: (max 180 words) <p>There are sufficient constraints on our estates infrastructure, in particular in relation to primary and community estate. Sheffield has a higher proportion of older converted houses being utilised by General Practice which may limit the ability to co-locate/integrate services around patients. The continued work on the ICS primary care capital funding is progressing but the timescales mean that this does not impact on the risk rating at the current time.</p>	
Existing Controls: (What are we doing about the risk prior to any new mitigating actions?) ICS capital programme with central PMO function is overseeing the progress of the development of the ICS programme business case, with outline approval by Joint Investment Sub Committee on 22/7/21. Sheffield strategic estates group has oversight of the citywide estates strategy ensuring co-ordination and integrated solutions to estates challenges.		Existing Gaps in Control: <small>(Where are we failing to put controls in place and what more should be done?)</small>	Please select <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Mitigating actions: (What additional controls are to be put in place to further strengthen existing controls and by what date?)			
Action		Date	Completed
Refresh of the Sheffield strategic estates strategy		Mar-22	No
Development of project strategic outline case/project initiation documents for individual projects within the SYB ICS primary care capital programme		Mar-22	No
Assurances: (Where should we find the evidence that controls are effective?)		Positive Assurance: (Provide specific evidence of Assurances) Internal / External	
Updates to Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC)		Minutes and actions from ICS primary care capital programme board	External
		Minutes and actions from Sheffield Strategic Estates group	Internal
Gaps in assurance: (Where are we failing to gain evidence that our controls are effective?)		Please select <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Principal Risk Reference:		4.4	

Principal Objective: 4. Improve health care sustainability and affordability		Director Lead:	Jackie Mills - Director of Finance
Principal Risk: 4.7 There is a risk that our collective risk appetite is insufficient to realise the potential of our plans		Date last reviewed:	02 December 2021
Risk Rating: (likelihood x consequence) Initial: 4 x 4 = 16 Current: 4 x 4 = 16 Appetite: 2 x 4 = 8		Rationale for current score: (180 word max) Every activity that the CCG undertakes, or commissions others to undertake on its behalf, brings with it an element of risk that has the potential to undermine, or prevent the organisation achieving its strategic objectives. To discharge those requirements, the CCG has a responsibility to ensure proper governance in line with best practice in corporate, clinical, and financial governance. Decisions made by partnerships may fail to recognise the full risks to individual organisations and as a result organisations may lose trust in those decisions. Equally, a single organisation who is more risk averse than partners may limit the progress that can be made. The current uncertainty regarding how services will operate post COVID as well as lack of clarity re planning and financial frameworks makes the whole environment in which we are operating more risky.	
Existing Controls: <i>(What are we doing about the risk prior to any new mitigating actions?)</i> Agreed structures for reviewing proposals and making decisions in place. Financial risks inherent in financial plan and forecasts included in reports to Governing Body.		Existing Gaps in Control:	Please select <input type="checkbox"/> No
Mitigating actions: <i>(What additional controls are to be put in place to further strengthen existing controls and by what date?)</i>			
Action:		Date	Completed
Agreed plan for updating Joint Commissioning Intentions		Oct-21	Yes
Agreed Partnership agreement, supported by Health and Care Partnership vision agreed by partners		Jan-22	No
Assurances: <i>(Where should we find the evidence that controls are effective?)</i>		Positive Assurance: <i>(Provide specific evidence of Assurances) Please select Internal / External</i>	
Revised plans agreed by Governing Body		reports and minutes of governing body	Internal
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Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC)			
Governing Body (GB)			
Gaps in assurance: <i>(Where are we failing to gain evidence that our controls are effective?)</i>		Please select <input type="checkbox"/>	No
Principal Risk Reference:		4.7	

Principal Objective: 5. Be a caring employer that values diversity and maximises the potential of our people		Director Lead:	Lesley Smith - Accountable Officer									
Principal Risk: 5.1 There is a risk that the proposed legislative changes and potential dissolution of the CCG have a disruptive effect during 2021/22 causing anxiety and uncertainty in staff and that we have insufficient workforce to deliver our organisational objectives and commissioning intentions during times of major change.		Date last reviewed:	02 December 2021									
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Risk Score	12	16										
Risk Appetite	9	9										
Existing Controls: <i>(What are we doing about the risk prior to any new mitigating actions?)</i> (1) The monthly staff temperature check gives staff the opportunity to feed in concerns regarding ICS changes and workload (2) Staff also have the opportunity to feed in via their managers, team meetings and Staff Forum (3) The Deputy Director group considers approaches and feeds in team issues to help ensure a consistent approach. (4) Staff briefing/WRU is used to update staff and gives the opportunity for staff input (5) SYB Recruitment agreement in July with the CCG retained autonomy to maintain capacity through wider recruitment (6) SYB People's Hub as a resource for staff across SYB to maintain co-ordination and consistency of messages and sharing of information (7) Co-Design workshops for all staff (8) Transition 1:1s to encourage discussion with manager (8) Workshop with Deputy Directors and other managers about how to support staff with wellbeing.		Existing Gaps in Control: Please select Yes <i>(Where are we failing to put controls in place and what more should be done?)</i> The lack of confirmation regarding the ICB CEO is slowing down progress in HR processes which are required to minimise the period of uncertainty for staff. Plans are being put in place to ensure the next HR steps are undertaken as quickly as possible after the announcement is made.										
Mitigating actions: <i>(What additional controls are to be put in place to further strengthen existing controls and by what date?)</i>												
Action		Date	Completed									
Encourage all managers to complete Transition 1:1s with their staff		Nov-21	Yes									
Staff Wellbeing Workshop for Deputy Directors and Managers taking place		Dec-21	No									
Assurances: <i>(Where should we find the evidence that controls are effective?)</i>		Positive Assurance: <i>(Provide specific evidence of Assurances) Please select Internal/External</i>										
Senior Management Team		Minutes of SMT, Governing Body and Governance Sub Committee	Internal									
Governing Body (GB)		Staff Temperature Check	Internal									
Staff Briefing and Weekly Round Up (CCG and ICS)		Staff Survey	Internal									
Governance Sub Committee (GSc)												
Deputy Director Meeting and Staff Forum and Wellbeing Group												
Gaps in assurance: <i>(Where are we failing to gain evidence that our controls are effective?)</i>		Please select	No									
Principal Risk Reference:			5.1									

Principal Objective: 5. Be a caring employer that values diversity and maximises the potential of our people		Director Lead:	Cath Tilney - Associate Director of Corporate Services
Principal Risk: 5.4 There is a risk that due to the wide range of staff home working experiences during the pandemic, our post-pandemic flexible working arrangements will not cater for the needs of all our staff.		Date last reviewed:	02 December 2021



Rationale for current score: (180 words Max)
The Temperature Check in particular has highlighted the high levels of staff anxiety linked to an increased use of 722 as a work base and establishing new ways of working for the future. We know that there are a wide range of concerns but will need time to work with staff to establish a fair and balanced model that works for staff and also enables the organisation to achieve its objectives.

Rationale for risk appetite:
We should aim to reduce the likelihood of anxiety by involving staff in the process with a strong feedback loop to all staff. There will also be a number of outside influences that will not be in our control and we will need to ensure that these are managed as well as it is within our gift to do so.

Existing Controls: (What are we doing about the risk prior to any new mitigating actions?)
(1) The monthly staff temperature check gives staff the opportunity to feed in concerns/what is working well and ideas. (2) Staff can also feed in via Staff Forum and some supported the 'return to 722 project' and fed in via the Covid Learning Group. (3) The Deputy Director group considers approaches and feeds in team issues to help ensure a consistent approach. (4) Staff briefing/WRU is used to update staff and is another opportunity to input. (5) A Home Working Policy has been approved by GSC and will be trialed as soon as 722 can open up. (6) Welcome Back to 722 Induction Pack shared with staff. (7) Staff message since July 22 remains "continue working from home unless you are struggling or can benefit from connecting with colleagues in the 722 Hub".

Existing Gaps in Control: Please select No
(Where are we failing to put controls in place and what more should be done?)

Mitigating actions: (What additional controls are to be put in place to further strengthen existing controls and by what date?)

Action	Date	Completed
Review the Welcome Back to 722 Pack in line with government requirements linked to easing of home working restrictions	Jul-21	Yes
Review the pack and the home working policy following the learning from the transition period (originally Jan 22 - extended to give more time due to the restriction)	Mar-22	No
Have clear plans for the office requirements linked to the the new ways of working (originally Mar-22, extended due to additional time required)	Jun-22	No

Assurances: (Where should we find the evidence that controls are effective?)	Positive Assurance: (Provide specific evidence of Assurances) Please select Internal/External	
Updates to Governing Body (GB)	GB Performance and Delivery report and minutes	Internal
Updates at Staff Briefing	Staff briefing follow up emails and staff weekly round up emails	Internal
Staff survey and temperature check polls	Summary reports on intranet about staff survey and temp check	Internal

Gaps in assurance: (Where are we failing to gain evidence that our controls are effective?) Please select No

Principal Risk Reference:	5.4
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