

Chair's Report

Governing Body meeting

14 January 2021

Item 20e

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Purpose of Paper	
To update Governing Body on the activities of the Chair.	
Key Issues	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 • Covid-19 vaccine • Flu vaccine • Meetings with Members of Parliament • Joint Commissioning with Sheffield City Council • Governing Body Deputy Chair Appointment • Sad news about our colleague Dr Kirsty Gillgrass 	
Is your report for Approval / Consideration / Noting	
Noting	
Recommendations / Action Required by Governing Body	
The Governing Body is asked to note the report.	
What assurance does this report provide to the Governing Body in relation to Governing Body Assurance Framework (GBAF) objectives?	
<p>Assurance Framework Number: The report links to all risks identified on the GBAF and also supports the good governance arrangements in place which are integral to each of the CCG's objectives contributing to a sound system of internal control.</p>	
Are there any Resource Implications (including Financial, Staffing etc)?	
No	
Have you carried out an Equality Impact Assessment and is it attached?	
There are no specific risks associated with this report	

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

Not applicable

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This report summarises the business that has been conducted on behalf of the CCG during December 2020.

Covid-19

As recorded case numbers escalate and hospitals report record numbers of patients being treated for the virus, England entered in to a national lockdown on 4 January until at least mid-February to combat a fast spreading new variant of the virus.

As with the first lockdown back in March 2020, this time round schools and colleges are closed and we know this means that some of our staff will be trying to work with children at home. The health and wellbeing of our staff is our top priority and we will be doing everything we can to support them over the coming weeks.

Covid-19 Vaccine

As 2020 came to an end primary care was at a critical point in the pandemic and it was imperative that first doses of the vaccine were prioritised for as many people as possible.

Sheffield CCG is working with the primary care networks and other partners across the city to ensure optimal roll out of the Covid-19 vaccination programme. We worked with the networks to identify suitable sites across the city to give the best possible coverage for patients, given the nature and storage conditions for the initial vaccine. This led to 15 sites across Sheffield, with the first six sites going live in December 2020. All 15 sites will be delivering vaccine by week commencing 11 January 2021.

The priority for vaccination is in line with the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation guidance. The first groups being vaccinated are the over 80s, care home staff and residents; with some vaccinations being given to health and social care staff. Initially we were supplied with the Pfizer vaccine, with each site needing to vaccinate at least 975 patients over 3½ days once they received a supply. Practices are now receiving supplies of the Oxford vaccine allowing them to book in additional patients. The network sites and supporting staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure that every dose we have received has been used to vaccinate patients and staff, reducing the ongoing impact of Covid-19.

Flu Programme

Sheffield practices continue to deliver the Flu Programme which runs until the end of March 2021. This has been the largest and most successful flu campaign, with vaccination levels in Sheffield, for all cohorts, higher than in previous years. Practices have achieved over 80% vaccinations in the over 65s and have more than doubled the figures from last year for 2 and 3 year olds. All other cohorts are significantly higher than previous years. Additional work has taken place with BAME communities due to their increased risk from flu and Covid, and we will evaluate how effective this has been at the

end of the flu programme. Lessons learned from the 2020/21 programme are being used to plan for the next flu season, which begins in September 2021.

Meeting with Members of Parliament

Given recent events and with no sign of the pandemic easing, the CCG continues to engage with local MPs on a fortnightly basis.

Joint Commissioning with Sheffield City Council

The joint commissioning agenda with Sheffield City Council has remained a key focus for me as Chair. Brian Hughes, Deputy Accountable Officer, is the lead role for the CCG in working with Local Authority partners to drive forward the joint commissioning agenda.

Health and Wellbeing Board

I have continued to attend and co-chair the Health and Wellbeing Board. At the meeting held on 10 December 2020, Greg Fell (Director of Public Health, Sheffield City Council), summarised the work done to produce rapid assessments for the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the health and wellbeing of Sheffield residents. The Board were asked to note the impacts identified and the recommendations made, and to share these with key system partners for discussion in early 2021.

Minutes of the meetings can be downloaded from the Sheffield City Council website. <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/public-health/health-wellbeing-board>

Governing Body Deputy Chair Appointment

Following the end of Mandy Forrest's term of office on 31 December 2020, Mark Gamsu put himself forward for the Deputy Chair role and the other Lay Members were all supportive. Mark will commence the role as Governing Body Deputy Chair from 1 January 2021, we will look forward to working with Mark in this respect over the coming year.

Sad news about our colleague Dr Kirsty Gillgrass

Dr Kirsty Gillgrass sadly passed away on 16 November 2020; this was devastating news for all staff at the CCG. Kirsty joined the CCG firstly as a locality GP on Governing Body and then as Clinical Director, Kirsty made a big impact on so many people in the organisation and across the city. In addition to her role in planned care and cancer, Kirsty was lead clinical director during the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, which she led with so much energy, drive and compassion to keep patients safe. We will all miss her greatly.

Kirsty's family have set up a Virgin Giving Page in her memory; donations will help raise funds for the Doctors Support Network

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SomeoneSpecial/KirstyGillgrass>

Recommendation

The Governing Body is asked to note this report.

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