

Chair's Report**Governing Body meeting**

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4 March 2021

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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 Vaccination Programme • Meetings with Members of Parliament • Joint Commissioning with Sheffield City Council • Working together to improve health and social care for all 	
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 February 2021.

Covid-19

On 22 February 2021, The Prime Minister announced the Government's roadmap to ease restrictions on lockdown in the United Kingdom.

[Prime Minister sets out roadmap to cautiously ease lockdown restrictions - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-sets-out-roadmap-to-cautiously-ease-lockdown-restrictions)

At the time of writing the national guidance continues to be stay at home, noting that the latest coronavirus infection rates for all four UK nations are falling.

Covid-19 Vaccine Programme

Sheffield CCG continues to work closely with partners across the city to support the delivery of COVID vaccination to the cohorts of people where it will have the biggest impact in terms of ill health, hospital admissions and deaths. This is in line with nationally published guidance from the Department of Health and the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation. There are currently 15 local vaccination sites set up in primary care and one additional one at the Arena stadium, all are delivering vaccine to people. All people who are in the first four cohorts as advised by the JCVI have now been offered the vaccine. These are either health and social care front line staff, those either over 70 years of age, or those defined as clinically extremely vulnerable. In addition, those over 65 and those defined as clinically vulnerable have also started to be vaccinated. Primary care continues to pull out all the stops to ensure that every single dose of vaccine we receive is used to vaccinate appropriate people as soon as it is received.

How the CCG are supporting Primary Care Networks

- Clinical Pharmacists from the Medicines Optimisation Team are currently supporting PCN sites with their vaccination clinics across the city. Many of the pharmacists are trained vaccinators and are administering the vaccine. The practice-based teams, along with their Medicines Optimisation Team colleagues have been involved in helping PCN sites with clinical and pharmaceutical queries surrounding the safe and appropriate use of the vaccine. The team have received fantastic feedback from PCN sites for the support they have provided.
- Along with our Accountable Officer, Chief Nurse, Medical Director and our ICS Leaders, I am meeting weekly with the PCN Clinical Directors to hear feedback and to ensure the CCG supports them where it can.

Joint Commissioning with Sheffield City Council

The joint commissioning agenda with Sheffield City Council has remained a key focus for me as Chair. Supported by the jointly appointed Head of Integration, under the leadership of Brian Hughes Deputy Accountable Officer (Place Lead), the members of the Joint

Committee are drawn from Governing body to progress the objectives of the Joint Commissioning Committee. Remaining committed to strengthening the way that we commission health and social care between Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Sheffield City Council (SCC). With a particular focus on ensuring a single commissioner voice, single commissioner plan and delivery of new models of care across the city, building on the better care fund and section 75 to drive forward change.

This remains based on the following principles.

- Preventative model built into delivery at all levels of complexity.
- Care closer to home or a home via neighbourhood, localities.
- Reduced health inequalities in Sheffield.
- Person centred commissioning joined up with placement and brokerage.
- Improved people experience and outcomes.
- Effective and efficient use of resources whilst assuring safe and effective standards of service.
- Collective management of risk and benefits.

The Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) met in December 2020 and January 2021 to discuss the Sheffield commissioning plan and the joint intentions for 2021-22 plan, which were presented to the JCC Public meeting on Monday 15 February 2021.

The vision of the Sheffield Commissioning plan is to work with the population of Sheffield to make it healthier and stay independent safe and well, which includes several objectives, priorities, and outcomes.

The joint commissioning intentions for 2021-22 will continue to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic but will additionally:

- Reduce health and social care inequalities across Sheffield.
- Improve access and availability to health and care services.
- Ensure all children across Sheffield have the best possible start in life.
- Improve support and treatment for mental health and wellbeing; and, if health and social care support is required this is personalised to a person's needs.

A huge amount of work has been undertaken to achieve the plan for 2021-22 and I would like to express my thanks to all those involved in the CCG and Sheffield City Council, working with conflicting priorities during the pandemic.

This is one of the largest examples of joint commissioning arrangements and also one of the largest pooled budgets between the NHS and Local Authority in England. The hard work and drive of our colleagues in the CCG and Sheffield City Council now stands Sheffield in a strong position for the future, as we consider our transition to new NHS arrangements over the next year, as outlined in the White Paper published on 11th February 2021.

Working together to improve health and social care for all

As anticipated, the [White Paper](#) proposals follow the journey of integrating care in neighbourhoods, places and across the system that we have been on in Sheffield for many years and is designed to support us by removing many of the obstacles that stand in our way on a daily basis. It builds on the ambitions of the Long-Term Plan to tackle health inequalities through a whole population health approach, to plan for improvements in health and health care at system level and to work in partnerships at place and in provider collaboratives to join up care and to ensure that no matter where people live, they have

the same access and health outcomes. In Sheffield we have made significant progress over the last year in integrating health and care for local people through our joint commissioning with Sheffield City Council. The national proposals will build on this progress and the pooled budget arrangements we now have in place as a city.

The white paper sets a course for ICSs to become NHS statutory bodies through the transfer of accountabilities that currently sit with the CCG. I shall continue to work closely with colleagues in the ICS and at place to ensure that there is a smooth transition of our commissioning functions and resources. In particular, we will be supporting our staff through this process.

The White Paper has important implications for how health and care is planned and delivered in Sheffield in the future. I am currently working with colleagues from our ACP to understand how our partnership across health and care will need to evolve and adapt over time to maximise the opportunities for greater integration in the city. Similarly, I continue to meet weekly with Chairs and AOs from CCG across the ICS to discuss future commissioning arrangements.

Recommendation

The Governing Body is asked to note this report.

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