

Chair's Report**Governing Body meeting****Item 15c****4 November 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 • Primary Care • Meetings with Members of Parliament • Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board • Place Integration • Preparation for the future South Yorkshire Integrated Care System • Locality Work • Briefing sessions • Oversight and Scrutiny • Practice Nurse and Health Care Assistant Awards • 	
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 outlines the activity I have undertaken on behalf of Sheffield CCG during September and October 2021, along with highlights of key topics from the CCG.

Covid

75.2% of all over 12s in Sheffield have received at least one COVID vaccination, with 68.9% having received both vaccines (as of 27th October 2021), Sheffield remains the most vaccinated core city in England for both first and second doses. This success is down to the hard work that has been done in primary care and the collaborative work that has taken place across the city to engage patients and provide appropriate access to vaccination.

We continue to work hard to maximise uptake in all age groups and populations across Sheffield. People can access vaccination through their own GP, via the national booking service (online or ring 119), or by attending a walk in vaccination clinic (search “grab a jab” online for locations). Booster vaccinations are now available for those at increased risk from COVID and are given at least six months after the second dose.

Along with our partners organisations, Sheffield CCG will be keeping a very close eye on the situation and ensuring that there is an appropriate system response to keeping our services safe as we head into the winter months.

I continue to meet with the Clinical Directors of the Primary Care Networks on a weekly basis to discuss the vaccine programme, including some of the challenges faced by local vaccination centres (delivered through PCNs) and how as a CCG and part of the wider ICS we can ‘unblock’ some of the challenges and support our PCNs.

Primary Care

Over the past two months there has been a lot of media attention regarding face-to-face appointments in General Practice. As a CCG, we do not support this narrative and recognise the hard work the practices in our city are undertaking every day. National data from this summer, shows that GPs, Practices Nurses and Allied Healthcare Professionals were undertaking more patient contacts the summer prior to the pandemic. Around half of these appointments were face-to-face where clinically appropriate, with the remainder via a mixture of remote consultation methods. First and foremost, this change has been to keep patients and practice staff safe – the pandemic is still ongoing and the most vulnerable in our communities are likely to be those who need to come to surgeries for medical care. Less crowded waiting rooms mean less likelihood of transmission. Beyond this, local data shows us that a large majority of patients prefer telephone and online methods. Therefore, it is important we continue to offer a mixture of consultation methods.

This month, NHS England announced funding to support General Practices through the winter months. As a CCG we have engaged with local GPs, PCN clinical directors and

representatives from Local Medical Committees. We are clear that our approach as a CCG will be to support the resilience of our member practices over the winter months and to support practices to ensure they continue to offer high standards of care. Along with our neighbouring CCGs we will be submitting our plan to support practices and await feedback from NHS England.

Meetings with Members of Parliament

Along with senior CCG staff, I continue to meet with Sheffield MPs to keep them apprised of the key issues facing the NHS.

Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board

Health and Wellbeing Board continues to meet monthly as the city's strategic forum for issues affecting the health and wellbeing of Sheffield citizens. In October, the Board met in Public to discuss its future engagement strategy to ensure the citizen voice plays a much stronger role in the activity of the Board. Further discussions were had on the future Integrated Care System and the role that the Health and Wellbeing Board will play in the future, and how it related to a wider health and care system across South Yorkshire.

Place Integration

I have continued to meet with Chairs from partner organisations in the Sheffield Health and Care Partnership to develop a new Partnership Agreement which outlines the principles and methods by which we will work in a more joined-up manner across health and social care services, to ensure that Sheffield people have better outcomes and a better experience of the care they receive. This agreement will be important in strengthening the partnership working which we have collectively developed over the past few years.

In addition to this work, I continue to work closely with colleagues from the CCG and Sheffield City Council in further developing the work of our Joint Commissioning Committee. Earlier this year, we developed a set of joint commissioning intention – this was an important step in the NHS and local government working in common for the benefit of local people. Both organisations are now engaging with a wide range of stakeholders on setting the future direction for our joint committee endeavours through the development of a Sheffield health inequalities and outcomes framework, which will focus our future work on ensuring that our activities make a positive impact on the lives of people and not focussing just on the activities our system undertakes. I attended a series of engagement workshops which were well attended by a number of organisations and members of the public.

I continue to work closely with Sheffield City Council and the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw ICS in developing arrangements to reflect the important role the Joint Commissioning Committee will play in future place partnership arrangements.

Preparation for the future South Yorkshire Integrated Care System

Alongside preparations for working in a more integrated way within Sheffield, the CCG is working closely with the other CCGs within South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw in preparation for the future Integrated Care Board for South Yorkshire, which will form a statutory part of the South Yorkshire Integrated Care System. In September, Governing Bodies across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw (SYB) approved the formation of a Change and Transition Board, which will be a sub-committee of the SYB Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups (JCCCG). This will be the place where the smooth transition of functions, people and assets from CCGs to the new Integrated Care Board (ICB) will be overseen. The Change and Transition Board is meeting frequently to be apprised on this important piece of work and provides monthly updates to the JCCCG. One observation

that has been made through these meetings is the extent to which positive relationships are being built and how well people from different organisations are working together. This will provide a solid foundation for our future ICS.

I continue to meet with the Chairs and Accountable Officers of each of the SYB CCGs on a weekly basis to discuss important issues around the transition process, along with discussions of system pressures and how we can collectively work together.

I have also had the opportunity to meet with Pearse Butler, who has been appointed as the Chair Designate of the future Integrated Care Board and Independent Chair of SYB ICS. Pearse and I spent time discussing the establishment of ICBs, the important role of clinical leadership, and the vision for health and care in Sheffield outlined in the previous section of this report.

Locality Work

I continue my important engagement role with practices in the West Locality of the CCG, meeting monthly to share information on commissioning decisions and to support our local practices. The West Locality Team is working closely with its Primary Care Networks in developing a population health strategy to address some of the inequalities faced by patients, which can be positively influenced at a neighbourhood level.

This month I met with our four Locality Managers as part of their development day exploring how the role of localities will develop in the future as part of the ICB in supporting primary care in Sheffield.

Briefing Sessions

I continue to attend fortnightly CCG Staff Briefs and have held several drop-in sessions for Governing Body Members.

Oversight and Scrutiny

In September, I attended Sheffield City Council's Health Oversight and Scrutiny Committee to discuss the future legislative proposals for Integrated Care Boards and to hear their feedback on the design principles set out already. These will be fed back into future system design.

Practice Nurse and Health Care Assistant Awards

My highlight of September was being invited to open the Nurse and Health Care Assistant (HCA) awards and to present some of the winners. The virtual awards ceremony was attended by nurses and HCAs from across the city and celebrated the dedication and achievements of our general practice nursing teams. During the afternoon, we heard stories of innovation, patient support, mentoring and going above-and-beyond for local communities. Congratulations to all those who won an award and thank you to all our nurses and HCAs for everything you do! A big thank you to the CCG who made the afternoon happen.

Recommendation

The Governing Body is asked to note this report.

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