

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire CCG

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	29 September 2020
Subject:	COVID-19 – NHS Recovery Planning

Summary:

This report provides an update on the NHS response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Actions Required:

The Health and Wellbeing board is asked to:

- i. Note the content of this report and attachment
- ii. Consider any implications for the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board, particularly in relation to health inequalities
- iii. Highlight any areas for further consideration.

1. Background

1. The NHS in England has approached the management of COVID-19 in four distinct phases, these being:

- Phase I – actions to respond to the immediate pandemic threat (this phase lasted from 30 January 2020 to 29 April 2020)
- Phase II – the restoration of essential non-COVID services (this phase lasted from 30 April 2020 to 31 July 2020)

- Phase III – the full recovery and restoration of NHS services (from 1 August 2020 to, it is currently anticipated, 31 March 2021)
- Phase IV – ‘NHS Re-set’ – from 1 April 2021

Update

2. The NHS in Lincolnshire, as in the rest of the country, is therefore currently in Phase III. On 31 July 2020 national guidance was received relating to Phase III arrangements, and a copy of the guidance is attached.
3. Whilst a wide range of actions have already been undertaken in Lincolnshire to ensure that NHS services are restored as fully as possible for the Lincolnshire population, NHS England have asked for all NHS systems to develop a detailed response to demonstrate how the requirements of the national guidance will be met. At the time of writing, the Lincolnshire response is being developed.
4. The Phase III guidance is very comprehensive, and restoring NHS services as fully and quickly as possible is a huge challenge to the NHS. The NHS in Lincolnshire, and our staff and partners, are working hard and together in this endeavour. There is strong national recognition that joint partnership working across local government, care homes, the voluntary sector, NHS and other partners will be essential. Lincolnshire has a strong track record in this respect (please see agenda item 7d).
5. The Health and Wellbeing Board will wish to note that a strong and welcome emphasis is being given in reducing health inequalities. All indicators suggest that health inequalities will have become exacerbated through the pandemic crisis. The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board has a strong interest in providing leadership to our work to reduce health inequalities, and this will become an even sharper priority area for us going forward.
6. Within the NHS Midlands Region, the priority which is being given to health inequalities is reflected in the establishment of a Regional Strategic Transformation and Recovery Working Group on Health Inequalities, which both Professor Derek Ward and John Turner are members of.
7. In the coming months, the NHS is aiming to meet the Phase III requirements in the context of:
 - i. Managing the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic situation with partners
 - ii. Anticipated winter pressures
 - iii. Service recovery and restoration
 - iv. EU exit arrangements which individually and collectively may present service capacity and supply chain challenges
8. Particular emphasis is currently being given to:

- i. Delivering the enhanced flu vaccination campaign as early as possible
- ii. Ensuring arrangements are in place to deliver a COVID vaccination if and when available
- iii. Managing urgent and emergency care services
- iv. Elective care recovery
- v. Cancer care recovery
- vi. Restoration of all diagnostic services and
- vii. Primary care services being fully available

all in the context of reducing health inequalities and joint system working with partners.

2. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy

This report is for information only.

3. Consultation

None

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Letter of 31 July 2020 – Third Phase of NHS Response to COVID-19

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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