



Public Trust Board – 30 July 2024

Chief Executive's Report

Purpose of the Report

This paper provides an update on current local issues and national policy developments since the last meeting. The details below are drawn from a variety of sources, including local meetings and information published by NHS England, NHS Providers, the NHS Confederation, and the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Analysis of the Issue

National Developments

New ministerial team appointed to the Department of Health and Social Care

Following the UK general election on 4 July 2024, Prime Minister Kier Starmer appointed his Cabinet, confirming that Wes Streeting, the MP for Ilford North, would become the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. The Secretary of State is responsible for the work of the Department of Health and Social Care, including overall financial control and oversight of NHS delivery and performance, and oversight of social care policy.

Mr Streeting has been joined by Stephen Kinnock, MP for Aberafan Maesteg, and Karin Smyth, MP for Bristol South, who were both appointed Ministers of State, together with Andrew Gwynne, MP for Gorton and Denton, and Baroness Merron, who were both appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretaries of State.

For more information on the Department of Health and Social Care please visit the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

Secretary of State makes economic growth a priority

Speaking at an event on 9 July 2024, Health and Social Care Secretary Wes Streeting has committed to supporting the government's growth mission by improving the health of the nation, getting people back to work, and boosting the economy through the life sciences sector. He described three steps to achieving this goal:

1. By cutting waiting times and improving public health, the government will support people with their health and speed up their return to work, while maintaining the good health of those in work.
2. The government will make the UK a life sciences and medical technology powerhouse. By ensuring the NHS works hand in hand with life sciences research institutions and medical technology companies, the government will drive the development of new treatments and help grow the industries.
3. The government will use the NHS and social care's role as local and regional anchor institutions as engines of economic growth, by providing training and job opportunities to local people across the country.

For more information, please see the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/secretary-of-state-makes-economic-growth-a-priority>

Introduction of new NHS vaccination programmes against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)

The government is set to launch two new respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination programmes from 1 September 2024 for adult adults and during pregnancy for infant protection.

RSV is a common respiratory virus that that can cause serious lung infections. While RSV infection can occur at any age, the risk and severity of RSV and its complications are increased in older adults and in neonates and small babies, and it has a considerable impact on individuals and NHS services during the winter months.

All adults turning 75 years old on or after 1 September 2024 will be eligible for the routine programme and should be offered a single dose of the RSV vaccine on or after their 75th birthday. A one-off catch-up campaign for those already aged 75 to 79 years old on 1 September 2024 should be undertaken at the earliest opportunity with the aim of completing the majority by 31 August 2025. Vaccinations will be available via GP surgeries and certain community pharmacies.

All women who are at least 28 weeks pregnant (the eligible cohort) on 1 September 2024, should be offered a single dose of the RSV vaccine, through commissioned services. After that, pregnant women will become eligible as they reach 28 weeks gestation and remain eligible up to birth.

For more information, please see the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/respiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv-vaccination-programmes-letter/introduction-of-new-nhs-vaccination-programmes-against-respiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv>

Industrial action

Together with NHS organisations across the country we deployed contingency plans to enable us to sustain our services to the maximum extent possible during the recent period of industrial action by junior doctors across the country from 27 June to 2 July.

National data published by NHS England confirms that the industrial action saw 61,989 inpatient and outpatient appointments rescheduled, and 23,001 staff were absent from work due to strikes at the peak of the action.

I would like to thank all staff and partners for their support during the latest period of industrial action. I am hopeful that an agreement can be reached following the resumption of negotiations by the Secretary of State.

NHS England appoints first medical director for mental health and neurodiversity

On 3 June 2024, NHS England appointed Dr Adrian James to a new role supporting the transformation of services for people with mental health needs, autism, a learning disability, and those who are neurodiverse. Dr James was President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists from 2020 – 2023 and is currently a board member of the NHS Race and Health Observatory, a member of the NHS Assembly and was the first medical director of Devon Partnership NHS Trust. We welcome this appointment as a signal of NHSE's ongoing commitment to the mental health agenda.

Synnovis cyber incident

On 3 June 2024, Synnovis, a pathology laboratory which processes blood tests on behalf of NHS organisations primarily in Southeast London, was the victim of a cyber-attack. NHS England is working with Synnovis and the National Crime Agency to respond to the criminal ransomware attack on Synnovis systems. In response to the attack, NHS England London declared a regional incident. Some services, such as outpatient appointments, are now operating to similar levels to before the incident but there continues to be disruption to other services. Urgent and emergency services have remained available throughout the incident.

An investigation into the incident is also underway, though it may be some weeks before it is concluded given the complexity of the circumstances. Once the outcomes of the investigation become available, we shall ensure we reflect on the lessons learnt for our own cyber security strategy.

For more information on the incident, please visit the NHS England website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/synnovis-cyber-incident/>.

Ian Trenholm steps down as CQC Chief Executive

At the end of June 2024, Ian Trenholm announced his intention to step down as the Chief Executive of the CQC, a position he has held for the last six years. Kate Terroni, CQC's Deputy Chief Executive has been appointed as Interim Chief Executive. A permanent appointment will be made in due course.

Integrated care system assessments

On 24 May 2024, the CQC published an update on its approach to integrated care system (ICS) assessments. Having agreed a short delay to starting ICS assessments, the CQC submitted its proposed ICS assessment methodology to the Department of Health and Social Care earlier this year and is engaging with ICS'. The CQC plans to engage with the new government following the general election to seek approval for its proposed approach.

For more information, please visit the CQC's website: <https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-regulation/integrated-care-systems>.

Changes to the NHS Provider leadership team

On 8 July 2024, NHS Providers announced some changes to its executive team. Caroline Harrison has been appointed as Director of Corporate Services and Finance, and Isabel Lawicka has taken over the role of Director of Policy and Strategy from the previous incumbent Miriam Deakin who has taken on a new joint role of Director of Development and Engagement with Jenny Reindorp.

For more information on the NHS Providers leadership team, please visit the NHS Providers website: <https://nhsproviders.org/about-us/working-for-us/our-senior-management-team>.

Local Updates

Mental Health Triage Car service shortlisted for the 2024 HSJ Patient Safety Awards

LPT and Leicestershire Police are delighted to announce that the Mental Health Triage Car service has been shortlisted for the Seni Lewis Award 2024 at this year's HSJ Patient Safety Awards which recognises safety, culture and positive experience in patient care, celebrating its worthy finalists on a national scale.

Following the thorough judging process, LPT and Leicestershire Police have been included in the 206 organisations, projects and individuals that made the final shortlist amid 415 entries logged for the 2024 awards programme.

Between 08.00hrs and 02.00hrs, 365 days a year, the Mental Health Triage Car service provides 'on-the-scene' assistance from mental health specialists at LPT, to individuals potentially experiencing a mental health crisis in public places, whilst reducing demands on valuable police time. Where individuals are deemed at significant risk to themselves and/or others, the Triage Car service works with other healthcare and support services to ensure individuals are helped to a therapeutic and health-based facility rather than being taken to police custody.

Leicestershire Police report the service has effectively halved the number of individuals detained on emergency police powers under the Mental Health Act.

Staff at Rutland Memorial Hospital are holding a family fun day to mark the hospital's 100th birthday

The event will take place in the hospital grounds on Saturday, August 17, from 11am to 4pm.

The hospital was built to commemorate those who died in battle during the First World War. A plaque at the hospital says: "The Rutland County Hospital. Opened 1924. Erected to the honoured and loved memory of the men who in the terrible years of war 1914-1918 gave their lives for their country and their souls to God."

Carla Yaxley, ward manager for the inpatient ward, said: "Our hospital is a valued and much loved part of the community, and we wanted to share this anniversary with the local community. It has served generations of Rutland residents, and been a worthy memorial to those who died in the war.

"We are hoping to give local residents a picture of the variety of services which take place now at the hospital. Unfortunately due to space considerations we cannot offer tours of the building, but we will have stalls displaying the work of the various teams who call Rutland Memorial their home."

Admission to the fun day will be free – it is being supported by Raising Health, the charitable arm of Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust.

Learning disabilities week – two-myth busting videos for cervical cancer

To encourage people with learning disabilities to come forward for cervical screening, two new videos were created and promoted to dispel myths and provide reassurance as part of Learning Disability Week and Cervical Screening Week.

The videos feature people with learning disabilities and has been produced on behalf of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Learning Disability and Autism (LDA) Collaborative.

The first is a myth-busting video which aims to separate facts and myths around cervical screening. It features people with learning disabilities in conversation with a local GP who answers many common questions people have, including whether a smear test is needed if the person has had an HPV vaccination and if a person needs to have a test if they have not had sexual intercourse: <https://youtu.be/d0M7JEnDNhY>

Three Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust nursing projects finalists in prestigious healthcare awards

Three LPT nursing-led projects supporting type 2 diabetic patients, people with a learning disability and parents and carers across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland are all in the running for a prestigious [Nursing Times Award](#).

They are:

- Learning Disability Nurse, Sarah Rabbitte, who has been shortlisted in the Clinical Research Nursing category for her work ensuring there was meaningful patient and public involvement for people in the [DECODE research study](#)
- Community nurse, Natalie Leggatt who has been shortlisted for a Nursing in the Community Award for her work helping to improve the confidence of community nurses to support adults with type 2 diabetes become independent with insulin administration, and
- the team behind the [Healthy Together Helpline](#), which has been shortlisted in the Public Health Nursing category for the launch of the health visiting and school nursing support line.

A huge well done goes out to all who have been nominated! We are so proud of what you have achieved.

Each project will now go through to the judging stage, after which the winners will be announced during a ceremony at the JW Marriott Grosvenor House Hotel on Park Lane in London on Wednesday 23 October 2024.

Leading Together, for an Inclusive, Compassionate Culture Conference

At LPT leadership matters. Our leaders play a significant role in bringing to life our vision of “creating high quality, compassionate care and wellbeing for all.”

Through our series of conferences, we have explored compassionate and inclusive leadership, what it is to be an authentic leader and last week we turned our attention to inclusivity.

Together against racism, zero tolerance and the importance of creating environments where all staff can thrive is an important priority for LPT and on Friday 5 July 2024, leaders from across the organisation came together to hear key messages around the importance of inclusivity in the workplace. We were pleased to be joined by Yvonne Coghill, a lifelong advocate and tireless worker in the field of inclusivity. Important discussions were had and will continue as part of our commitment to this agenda.

Relevant External Meetings attended since last Trust Board meeting

Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive external meetings

June 2024	July 2024
Interview with Global FM for Capital and Smooth radio	NMC CEO
Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust CEO	LLR QSRM
East Midlands Alliance CEO Meeting	LLR UEC Partnership
NHS CEO/CFO Meeting	Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust CEO
East Midlands Alliance Board Meeting	NHS Lincolnshire ICB CEO
Regional Finance Director NHSE	LLR ICB CFO
East Midlands Alliance Lead	NHS LLR Integrated Care Board - Development session
Deloitte Leads	Advisory Group DHSC
NHS CEOs	East Midlands Alliance CEO Meetings
LLR UEC Partnership	REACH Network Leads with NHFT
Deputy Director of Operations CQC Midlands	East Midlands Alliance Lead
Mental Health Trusts Chief Executives Meeting	Managing Director Zeal Solutions
LLR National Finance NHSE	LPT/NHFT Joint Board Workshop
LLR ICB Board Meeting (extraordinary)	LPT / NHFT Joint Development Session
LLR Recovery and Sustainability Committee CEO / LOROS LLR	Midlands Mental Health Quarterly Review NHSE
Chief Constable Leicestershire Police	LLR CEO/CFOs Meeting
Improvement Director Notts Healthcare	LLR Recovery and Sustainability Committee Group Meeting
NHSE Director of System Coordination and Oversight East Midlands	UHL CEO
NHSE Regional Director	Interim Chief Executive Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
NHSE Director of System Coordination and Oversight East Midlands	
NHSE Regional Director	
LLR MH Shadow Collaborative Group	
Joint Board Development Workshop with NHFT	
National Institute for Health and Care Research Director of Nursing and Midwifery Visit	
Director of Patient Safety NHSE	
NHS Providers' Chairs & Chief Executives Network Meeting	

June 2024	July 2024
NHS Employers Policy Board	
NHS ICB CEO	
Healthwatch	
LLR ICB Meeting	
LLR Systemwide Freedom to Speak Up	
Leicester City Health & Wellbeing Board	
LLR ICB System Executive Meeting	
Leicester City HWBB Workshop	
UEC Partnership	
Right Care Right Person Strategic Meeting	
Accountable Emergency Officers Regional Meeting	

Proposal

It is proposed that the Board considers this report and seeks any clarification or further information pertaining to it as required.

Decision Required

The Board is asked to consider this report and to decide whether it requires any clarification or further information on the content.

Governance Table

For Board and Board Committees: Paper sponsored by:	Trust Board 30 July 2024	
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STEP up to GREAT strategic alignment*:	Great Outcomes	All
	Great Care	

	Great Place to Work	
	Part of the Community	
Organisational Risk Register considerations:	List risk number and title of risk	
Is the decision required consistent with LPT's risk appetite:	Yes	
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