

NHS Rotherham CCG Governing Body – May 2021

CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT

Lead Director:	Chris Edwards	Lead Officer:	n/a
Job Title:	CCG Chief Officer	Job Title:	n/a

Purpose

This report informs the Governing Body about national/local developments in the past month.

Macmillan Living With and Beyond Cancer (LWABC)

The final South Yorkshire Macmillan LWABC programme evaluation comms is on the ICS website here and in case you missed it in the Cancer Alliance round up its here; <https://www.healthandcaretogethersyb.co.uk/about-us/whychange/latest-news/partners-news-macmillan-investment-will-help-region-meet-cancer-challenges-ahead>, along with the final programme film and evaluation reports (incl 6 page exec summary !) at the bottom.

Outcome of SCE Elections

As per the CCG standing orders section 2.2.3, 4&7 the term of office for the Chair and vice chair of the CCG is one year. Therefore there has to be an annual election/vote of confidence in the post holders. Any SCE members can petition for re-election of chair and vice chair of the SCE. There were only 2 petitions received by the Assistant Chief Officer this year.

SCE Chair – Dr Richard Cullen
SCE Vice Chair – Dr Jason Page.

The SCE at its meeting on the 7th of April, voted to accept the petitions and GPMC approved the recommendation at its meeting on the 28th April. On behalf of Governing Body I would like to congratulate Dr Cullen and Dr Page on their re-election.

Proposed Contract Extensions for 2021/22

The Covid pandemic has had a significant impact on Providers' ability to deliver commissioned services and contracted activity, resulting in the need to adapt and work differently and in some cases a need for new services to be commissioned. Particular impact has been noted in a number of contracts held by RCCG that are due to end either on 31 March 2021 or during 2021-22. Approval has been given for contract extensions to 31 March 2022 when the impact of COVID may have significantly reduced and there is more certainty around contractual arrangements for NHS organisations and implications of the NHS White Paper. This applies to the following contracts/providers:

- Clinical Partnerships Ltd – Tele-Dermatology
- Connect Healthcare CIC - Mental Health Primary Care Prescribing Review Initiative
- Healios - Adult and CYP ASD Assessments

Communications Update

- Work is ongoing with health and care partners to communicate key messages to Rotherham patients on appropriate and effective use of services as lockdown begins to ease. A key message is how people can access help, support and treatment in a COVID safe way both in primary and secondary care settings. As part of this work we are looking at how we can manage patient expectations on waiting times as a result of the pandemic.
- Communications activity on the COVID vaccine programme has focussed on second dose appointments throughout April in line with the delivery programme. We have shared reassurance messages with the muslim community in relation to fasting and the vaccine during Ramadan. We have also undertaken communication activity on the safety of the Oxford/Astrazeneca vaccine in line with national messaging.
- Through the CCG's Rotherhive platform and work with partners we continue to prioritise messages on mental health and wellbeing. Our activity is helping people to access appropriate services at the right time for them, but also supporting people with resilience and wellbeing ideas.