

# NHS Rotherham CCG Governing Body – July 2021

## CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT

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### **Purpose**

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

### **August Meeting**

The chair has asked me to inform members that we will not be meeting in August as a Governing Body. We will come back together again in September. If something untoward occurs the chair reserves the right to call an exceptional meeting.

### **ICS Design Framework**

NHS England and NHS Improvement have published the ICS Design Framework and a document setting out more detail on the employment commitment - [NHS England » Integrated Care Systems: Design framework](#). I would encourage you to take the time to read this information, it is quite detailed but will help us all to get a sense of the overall national ambition for the new statutory ICS bodies and the health and care partnerships.

### **Hospital and Community Admission Aftercare Service**

A single stage 'Open' Procurement process was undertaken for the provision of the required Hospital and Community Admission Aftercare Service. Potential Providers were invited to submit tenders describing their organisation's suitability, approach to delivering the services, supporting infrastructure and associated commercial terms. This process has now concluded and approval reached for the award of the tender to Age UK. The contract is due to commence on the 1 October 2021 and the term is 2 years with the option of a 2 year extension.

### **Update on the Implementation of "Fitter, Better, Sooner".**

In May 2020 the Governing Body approved the 'Fitter, Better, Sooner' policy which builds in a 'get fit' step for patients prior to surgery to ensure they are optimised for their procedure. As the waiting list for surgery had increased during Covid-19 it was agreed in May 2020 to temporarily apply the 'get fit' step concurrently with referral for surgery and to review when the waiting times had improved. Waiting times have now significantly improved in all specialties except gynaecology, ENT and trauma and orthopaedics and therefore the 'get fit' step will now be applied prior to referral excluding the 3 specialties with longer waits. We will review the waiting times for these 3 services again in March 2022.

### **Data Security and Protection Toolkit Assessment 2020-21**

NHS Rotherham CCG has successfully completed its annual assessment of the Data Security and Protection Toolkit. All 37 assertions across ten standards have been fully met by the 30 June 2021

deadline. The assessment report went to Aqua yesterday for approval and has been submitted to NHS Digital for ratification.

### **Communications Update**

- The COVID-19 vaccination programme continues to be a key focus of communications activity. Messages are currently encouraging all adults aged 18 and over to get the vaccine at our Rotherham sites. Work to support the successful implementation of pop-up and drop-in sessions have continued with a social media channels being a key tool.
- The CCG is working with health and care partners in Rotherham to communication information on the current pressures being faced by all services across the system. Messages to the public are aimed at encouraging Rotherham residents to access the most appropriate support for their needs. This focuses on promoting use of services in communities such as pharmacy, extended access and physio first as well as thinking NHS 111 first.
- A campaign is currently being developed to highlight the wide range of services that patients can access in their community. The campaign is designed to help patients to access to best service for them in an efficient and effective way. This will also aim to reduce the pressures on primary care services and the Urgent and Emergency Care Centre.