

## **Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Date of Meeting:** 10 September 2020

**Report Title:** Local NHS Health Services Update

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### **1. Report Summary**

- 1.1. The presentation to be provided at the meeting will give updates on key areas of work affecting the health service provision in Cheshire East. This will include developments in relation to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic; an overview of steps being taken in relation to the requirements of the COVID Phase 3 Recovery Planning letter<sup>1</sup> as set out by NHS England/Improvement and a progress report on the Cheshire East Health and Care Partnership's Transformation Programme regarding Acute Services Redesign, as outlined in the Five Year Plan and as shared with the Committee previously

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the ongoing changes brought about by the need to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the activity underway in relation to the Phase 3 Recovery Planning and the progress made with the Cheshire East Place Health and Care Partnership Transformation Programme's work to deliver the outcomes set out in the Five Year Plan.

### **3. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 To ensure that the Committee is kept informed of the strategic context within which health and care services are working, the drivers for change that are influencing the planning for service transformation and improvement and changes that are in hand or being planned.

### **4. Background**

- 4.1 The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about significant change to the way health and care services were delivered and experienced by residents since March 2020. There are opportunities presented by the learning from recent months to accelerate some of the positive changes (some of which we were seeking to progress as part of the Five Year Plan – for example a shift to more digital service provision), whilst also reflecting on those areas of activity that change was forced upon and that now need reviewing.
- 4.2 At the same time there is a requirement from NHS England / Improvement to see service normality restored as soon as possible, with particular concerns in relation to increasing waiting times and potential harmful impacts on individual's health because of delays in presenting with symptoms – for example concerns with regard to cancer diagnoses, cervical screening and childhood

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/third-phase-response/>

immunisations. To assist in this the COVID-19 Phase 3 Recovery Planning process was launched on 31<sup>st</sup> July. This is being led by the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership, but each of the nine 'Places' within the Partnership (of which Cheshire East is one) are required to submit information in relation to a number of areas of activity (see Appendix One).

- 4.3 The COVID-19 pandemic has also stalled progress on the Cheshire East Health and Care Partnership's Transformation Programme. As a reminder the focus of the Partnership is upon:
- tackling inequalities, the wider causes of ill-health and the need for social care support through an integrated approach to reducing poverty, isolation, housing problems and debt;
  - prevention of ill health through early intervention, health improvement and creating environments that support and enable people to live healthily;
  - ensuring our actions are centred on the individual, their goals, the communities in which they live and supporting people to help themselves;
  - having shared planning and decision making with our residents.
- 4.4 The Cheshire East Health and Care Place Partnership has established a number of work streams to take forward the delivery of the Plan. Together, these form the framework for developing and implementing the solutions that will ensure a sustainable health and care system over the next five years:
- Acute Sustainability (linked closely to the work at a Cheshire and Merseyside level)
  - Integrated Care Partnership, establishing an alliance of providers to deliver integrated health and care services;
  - Care Communities, developing plans for improved community based health and care, moving care closer to home and reducing, where possible, the need to access hospital services;
  - Integrated Commissioning across health and social care;
  - Finance;
  - Communications and engagement;
  - Back office / shared services, identifying opportunities to work across organisations more efficiently;
  - Workforce and Organisational Development;
  - IT / Digital;
  - Estates.

## 5. Access to Information

- 5.1 The Cheshire East Health and Care Partnership Five Year Plan is here:  
<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/care-and-support-for-adults/working-in-partnership/cheshire-east-partnership.aspx#>

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