

**OPERATIONAL RECOVERY UPDATE – NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

**REPORT OF SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with an update on operational recovery of South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 NHS Trusts across the country had to suspend much of their elective care in the pandemic to help ensure critical care provision. Also key staff, were transferred to critical care during the height of the pandemic. Hospital capacity was also put under pressure due to social distancing, infection prevention and control, cleaning measures, use of personal protective equipment and enhanced testing.
- 2.2 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee received an overview of the recovery plan in November 2021, and an update in November 2022. This is a further update to the committee on the current situation in relation to operational recovery.

**3. CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1 A presentation is attached at **appendix one** of this report and covers a number of key issues including:
- Referral to Treatment Time;
  - Local Capacity and Demand;
  - Diagnostics and Faster Diagnosis Standard;
  - Cancer Performance; and
  - Mental Health.
- 3.2 Representation from the Foundation Trust will be in attendance at the meeting to provide the update on the situation and answer any questions that Members of the Committee may have.

**4 RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee are asked to note and comment on the presentation.

