

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 14th April, 2021 at 5.30 pm

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Membership

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Cllrs Butler, Davison, D. Dixon (Chairman), Essl, Greener, Haswell, Heron, Leadbitter, N. MacKnight (Vice Chairman), Mann and McClennan

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E. WAUGH, Assistant Director of Law and Governance, Civic Centre, SUNDERLAND.

6th April, 2021

At a meeting of the HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held remotely using Microsoft Teams and livestreamed on YouTube on WEDNESDAY, 10th MARCH, 2021 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Dixon in the Chair

Councillors Butler, Davison, Greener, Haswell, Heron, Leadbitter, N. Macknight, Mann and McClennan

Also in attendance:-

Mr. David Chandler – Chief Operating Officer and CFO, Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group

Ms. Debbie Cornell – Head of Corporate Affairs, Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group

Mr. Nigel Cummings – Scrutiny Officer, Sunderland City Council

Dr. Fadi Khalil – Executive GP, Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group

Mr. Graham King – Assistant Director Adult Services, Sunderland City Council

Ms. Gillian Robinson – Scrutiny, Mayoral and Member Support Coordinator, Sunderland City Council

Ms. Joanne Stewart – Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

Mr. Peter Sutton - Director of Planning and Business Development, City Hospitals Sunderland

Ms. Gerry Taylor – Executive Director of Public Health and Integrated Commissioning, Sunderland City Council

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were given on behalf of Mr. Philp Foster, All Together Better Alliance.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 3rd February, 2021

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 3rd February, 2021 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

Item 4 - CoVid19 in Sunderland - Update

Councillor MacKnight made an open declaration in the above item as he had a professional interest in the report from the Executive Director of Public Health.

CoVid-19 in Sunderland – Update

The Executive Director of Public Health and Integrated Commissioning and Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group submitted a joint report which provided the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with an update on the Covid-19 situation in Sunderland.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

The Committee were provided with a comprehensive update and presentation from Ms. Gerry Taylor, Executive Director of Public Health & Integrated Commissioning which set out the latest public health developments in relation to CoVid-19 across the city, which included details on:-

- Key facts and figures in relation to the current situation;
- The roadmap out of lockdown;
- The vaccination programme;
- The Local Outbreak Management Plan; and
- Locally enhanced contract tracing.

Mr. David Chandler, Chief Operating Officer and CFO, Sunderland CCG and Mr. Peter Sutton, Director of Planning and Business Development, City Hospitals Sunderland also provided the Committee with a presentation which gave updates in relation to performance standards, out of hospital care and the CoVid-19 Primary Care Vaccine Programme.

(for copy presentations – see original minutes)

Councillor Dixon thanked Officers for their presentations and invited questions and comments from the Committee.

Councillor Butler commented that the information provided was predominately positive but added that health inequalities in more deprived areas of the city, where the death toll was higher, was still a big concern for him. He asked what, if any, consultation had taken place to ensure the fight against those inequalities and asked if these would continue or intensify following the restructure of Public Health England. Ms. Taylor explained that the tackling of inequalities, which may have been exacerbated through the pandemic, was very much something that the Health and Wellbeing Board wished to focus on. Last year they had focussed on the issue and their findings were merged into the Healthy City Plan which was a partner strategy and they would continue to work very closely with colleagues as the new structure was developed.

Councillor Butler referred to the new requirements to label food and drink packaging and commented that this information was already known by a lot of people and it was more about addressing the reasons behind the way in which people were choosing to eat and drink; and how those habits had been formed, that would see more of a difference being made than simply amending labelling. Ms. Taylor advised that any Public Health programme would need to be made up of a combination of initiatives to combat an issue, as one alone would not work by itself. She advised that through the Health and Wellbeing Board they would be looking at a programme

which focusses more on the causes and the wider determinates of health inequalities rather than just those initial health risks.

Mr. Chandler added that in terms of the recovery programme the NHS had been told that it had to take account of health inequalities, so when recovering services they had to be actively considering those issues so that people were not 'left behind'.

Councillor Heron sought more information on the localised contact tracing that was being carried out and Ms. Taylor explained that they had started in January, 2021 and were focussing on those cases which had not been contacted by the national system after 32 hours. Over that period of time the number of residents they were contacting had increased but it was allowing Officers to have the opportunity to talk with residents and give them more local advice and information that would be relevant to support them.

In response to a comment from Councillor MacKnight as to people now thinking that the pandemic was beaten and what message Ms. Taylor would give residents moving forward, she advised that firstly she would like to thank them for all of their efforts to date and the fact that people had been following the national 'stay at home' guidance. Ms. Taylor commented that the guidance needed to continue to be followed even as restrictions were eased, otherwise it would see another increase in cases and the 'Hands, Space, Face' guidelines should be adhered to.

Councillor Mann commented that people were advising her that they were finding it very difficult to book an appointment online for their vaccination at any local sites and were only being offered sites further afield such as Durham, Carlisle, etc. which was an issue for some residents with no transport. Mr. Chandler advised that the letters which residents were currently receiving were issued by the national teams and were asking residents to book onto national vaccination sites, and therefore this would not be one of the local six vaccination sites in Sunderland. He was aware that there were some issues with the national online booking system where appointments were not being 'held' when trying to book and therefore sites further from home were being offered.

He assured Members that they were currently working their way through contacting residents and inviting them to one of the local six sites so if this was better for them they should wait to be contacted. Mr. Chandler explained that he understood why the national letters were being sent; to try and encourage as many people as possible to get booked in for vaccinations, but he couldn't reassure residents enough that they would be contacted in time if they wished to be booked into one of the more local vaccination hubs.

Councillor Haswell stated that he was getting reports from residents where the family were split over different GP practices and how it felt that there was almost a postcode lottery as to which were being invited for a vaccination or not. He was also being informed that some practices in his area were back logged inputting records and there were concerns that patients may be missing out because of this.

Dr. Khalil advised that currently they would receive a supply of vaccine in doses of 600-800 per week, per neighbourhood, but advised that they knew exactly where each practice in the city was at in administering the vaccine through the tiers 1-9. He explained that they did not want to start sending messages to everyone within a tier

for them not to be able to book an appointment if there was not enough supply on site and therefore they only uploaded a slightly larger number of appointments as there were doses of vaccine to allow for any slippage, whilst ensuring that all vaccines available were given.

When asked if he could confirm that no GP practice was 'behind', Dr. Khalil advised that they had granular data from each practice in the city and they were always looking to ensure that all neighbourhoods were approximately at the same level. This could be the reason behind residents being offered alternative sites where vaccine supplies were still available. He explained that the roll out had started in the west area of the city and therefore they would be a week ahead of other areas in the city.

Mr. Chandler also assured Members that they actively monitored data from each practice so if there were signs of a practice falling behind they would spot this quickly and intervene. He also commented that should any Members have queries or concerns they could contact himself or Dr. Khalil directly and they could look into the matter further for them.

Councillor Dixon commented that Covid-19 and the variant strains was something that we were going to have to live with for a long time and asked if we should be preparing for next winter and the potential health issues of flu and respiratory viruses due to the populations limited exposure through social restriction. He was informed that this was something they prepared for every year and they would continue to do this in the normal way; taking into account the different pattern they had seen with flu this year due to the CoVid restrictions.

In response to questions regarding the second dose of the vaccine, Mr. Chandler advised that they were working towards the eleven week timescale for residents, subject to supplies, but they had been assured that these would be provided. They would ideally look to offer resident's appointments at the same site as to where the first dose was given but if a hub had excessive doses then residents may be asked to travel. Dr. Khalil also explained that there would be a clinical record kept as to which vaccine the resident had been given as a first dose so residents did not need to worry if they did not have the completed vaccine card they were given at their first appointment as everything was stored on their GP record.

In response to a question from Councillor MacKnight about the process behind using any leftover vaccines, Mr. Chandler advised that they would never waste a vaccine and looked to use all of the vaccines available to them within their restrictions, i.e. Pfizer having a three day use target after defrosting. He informed the Committee that when making the vaccine up they ensured that they did not prepare more than were expected to be administered on that day. Should they get to day three and realise that there was going to be an excess of vaccines, due to non-attendees for appointments, etc. then they would ensure that the vaccine was used, possibly by giving it to staff members who were on site. Dr.Khalil advised that there were usually around twenty doses of vaccine spare to allow for breakages, accidents, etc. which if leftover they would always look to administer rather than go to waste.

In closing, Councillor MacKnight commented that he felt that the success of the vaccination programme was as a result of it being an NHS ran programme and not

government and involving the health professionals in the rollout of the programme from the very beginning.

With regards as to how it was intended to complete administering the rest of the vaccinations to people with learning disabilities within the city, Dr. Khalil advised that they were planning to have provided these within the next ten to fourteen days. He advised that there was a dual approach of inviting some residents in to hubs and visiting others in their homes and therefore the process was taking a little longer but he was confident that this would be completed soon.

Councillor Butler referred to an issue he was aware of with one of his residents who was an unpaid carer for their extremely vulnerable parent but was now receiving differing advice regarding their vaccination and felt in 'limbo' and asked if all tier 6 residents had been given the vaccine and if so, what could be done to help this family and others who may be in a similar position. Dr. Khalil informed the Committee that tier 6 was the largest group for the city consisting of approximately 40,000 residents which was why it would take longer. They had administered vaccines to approximately 50% of tier 6 residents and were hopeful that they would be receiving a further 10,000 supplies the next week which could increase this to around two thirds of the group. In relation to the individual case Councillor Butler had referred to Dr. Khalil suggested that they should check with their GP practice that they were definitely on the carer list to ensure that they were contacted in due course.

In response to Councillor Davison's questions regarding the numbers of patients who may have refused an operation during the pandemic, Mr. Sutton advised that they did have a number of patients who opted to delay their treatment but that they were in the majority routine operations. Where an urgent care patient had requested this they had tried to have an understanding and clinical conversation with them to discuss their options and what the consequences could be. Overall, it was a very small number who had requested that their procedure be postponed until a later date.

Councillor Dixon asked if they had been successful in targeting the harder to reach groups for vaccination, which had been raised at previous meetings, and was advised that they had been contacted by the Bangladeshi Centre and the mosque which they were attending to give vaccinations. There was also a focussed group from the CCG and Local Authority who were coordinating a community engagement plan to ensure they reached all residents and they would continue to work through those harder to reach groups such as sex workers, the homeless and those with chaotic lifestyles. Mr. King agreed to forward further information via email to Committee Members in relation to the rollout of this programme.

The Committee thanked all those in attendance for their hard work and dedication during very difficult times and appreciated all of the work that was being undertaken in the successful roll out of the vaccination in the city, and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the updates provided within the report and presentations be received and noted.

Managing the Market

The Executive Director of Neighbourhoods submitted a report which provided a presentation to the Committee relating to the care and support provide market in Sunderland and gave an update on the ongoing risks and recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr. Graham King, Assistant Director Adult Services, provided the Committee with a presentation which covered; key successes, the current position, plans going forward and gave an update on safeguarding.

(for copy presentation – see original minutes)

Councillor Dixon thanked Mr. King for his thorough presentation and invited questions and comments from the Committee.

Councillor Dixon asked if the increase in safeguarding concerns had been as a direct result of the lockdown(s) and the social restrictions that had been in force across the country and was advised that Officers were taking part in a regional insight research where they were contacting people and professionals who had been through the safeguarding process to understand what the impacts of CoVid had been. They were currently seeing lower number of low-level concerns which suggested that they were receiving less report but staff safeguarding reports continued to come in from those businesses that had continued to provide services throughout the pandemic. He advised that they would look to bring a report back to a future meeting of the Committee on the findings of the research.

Councillor Dixon also referred to the media attention on care home staff not taking up the vaccine and asked if there were similar issues in Sunderland. Mr. King informed Members that the latest figures showed that 90% had taken up the offer of the vaccination. He advised that they were providing a number of question and answer sessions for staff, to encourage as many of them to take up the offer of a vaccination as possible but added that the 90% take up rate was a favourable starting position.

The Committee thanked Mr. King for his attendance, and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the update provided within the report and presentation be received and noted.

Health and Care Bill Proposals – Integration and Innovation: Working Together to Improve Health and Social Care for All

The Scrutiny and Members' Support Coordinator submitted a report which provided the Committee with an overview of the Department of Health and Social Care's legislative proposals for a Health and Care Bill.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr. Nigel Cummings, Scrutiny Officer took Members through the report advising that the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care had presented the legislative proposals for a Health and Care Bill to Parliament on 11 February, 2021. The proposals aimed to build on the collaborations witnessed through the CoVid-19 pandemic and looked to develop a system better able to serve people in a fast-changing world.

Members were informed that subject to Parliamentary business, the legislative proposals for the reform of the health and care as outlined in the White Paper would begin to be implemented in 2022.

In response to a query from Councillor Davison regarding accountability, Mr. Cummings advised that at the moment this was an area that was still being considered for the Integrated Care Systems (ICS) and their relationship with local authorities but that this was an area they would continue to monitor. Mr. King informed Members that the scrutiny duty would absolutely remain and that the ICS would have a statutory duty to continue to engage in a similar way to that which the CCG had.

Councillor MacKnight welcomed that the ICS would continue to collaborate with providers and therefore build on the work already done and commented that it made sense to pool their expertise and share the workload. The concern he did have was the term 'duty to collaborate' which he felt didn't give it the strength it deserved and he would be keen to keep an eye on developments, especially with there being no promise of extra funding being provided to go along with the changes.

In relation to concerns from Councillor Mann and a query as to the study into water fluoridation programme the Committee had undertaken and what would happen with the findings from it now, Mr. Cummings commented that the Government had been disappointed that local authorities had not adopted water fluoridation and that the general take up had been quite slow. Ms. Taylor commented that in other areas it had taken quite some time when they had agreed to the water fluoridation proposal as it was quite complex and therefore it may be that there is a more central decision to be taken.

With regards to Public Health responsibilities being moved around under the new arrangements, Ms. Taylor advised that every so often discussions were undertaken as to whether the more clinical services, such as sexual health, drugs and alcohol, etc. should move away from local government and into the NHS, although there were no proposals for this at the moment.

Having fully considered the report, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted and further updates be submitted to the Committee as and when appropriate.

Annual Report 2020/21

The Scrutiny and Members' Support Coordinator submitted the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee report (copy circulated) which would form part of the overall scrutiny annual report 2020/21 that was to be submitted to a future meeting of the Council.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Haswell commented that overall he was happy with the content of the report but felt that it did need to reflect comments made in relation to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy from the previous meeting as there had been a variety of views given, both for and against. Mr. Cummings commented that he could include that amendment and circulate the report around the Committee for final agreement before submitting the report to Council.

Members having considered the report, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee report be approved for inclusion in the Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21.

Annual Work Programme 2020/21

The Scrutiny and Members' Support Coordinator submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought the Committee's agreement of the draft scrutiny work programme for 2020/21.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Members having considered the report, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the work programme be received and noted.

Notice of Key Decisions

The Strategic Director of People, Communications and Partnerships submitted a report (copy circulated) providing Members with an opportunity to consider those items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28 day period from 11 January, 2021.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Cummings having advised that if any further Members wished to receive further information on any of the items contained in the notice, they should contact him directly, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that a briefing note be requested as set out above and the Notice of Key Decisions be received and noted.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked Members and Officers for their attendance and contribution to the meeting.

(Signed) D. DIXON, Chairman.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 APRIL 2021

COVID-19 IN SUNDERLAND - UPDATE

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND INTEGRATED COMMISSIONING AND SUNDERLAND CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with an update on the Covid-19 situation in Sunderland.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A number of key health partners and officers continue to provide the committee with an ongoing update providing the latest information and key issues in relation to the risks and recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic in Sunderland.
- 2.2 This remains a key focus for the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and will continue to feature in the committee's work programme throughout the pandemic.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 The Covid-19 pandemic continues to create challenges across all health and social care services and remains a constantly changing situation. The latest updates will provide the opportunity for Members of the Committee to receive an up-to-date overview of the position in Sunderland as we start to move out of lockdown.
- 3.2 The update is extremely comprehensive and will be provided as follows:

Public Health (Executive Director of Public Health & Integrated Commissioning) – a verbal update on the latest public health developments in relation to Covid-19 across the City.

- City Hospitals Sunderland & Sunderland CCG Update the latest information from the NHS Foundation Trust and Clinical Commissioning Group in relation to City Hospitals in Sunderland and current Covid-19 activity and recovery;
- 3.3 Due to the ongoing and constantly evolving nature of the Covid-19 situation Members should be aware that a number of the updates will be verbal to ensure the information provided is as up to date as possible.

4 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee is recommended to receive the verbal update and reports on the Covid-19 pandemic and comment on the information provided.

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 APRIL 2021

SUNDERLAND EYE INFIRMARY

REPORT OF SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide an update to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on the redevelopment of Sunderland Eye Infirmary (SEI).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 SEI is the region's only specialist eye hospital and dedicated centre for ophthalmology care. It is widely regarded across the NHS, both regionally and nationally, as a centre of excellence for eye services caring for patients from across the North East, Cumbria and beyond.
- 2.2 The current facilities on Queen Alexandra Road in the South East of the City are now over 75 years old with a costly and aging infrastructure that does not reflect the world class treatment and outstanding NHS care taking place inside. Building a brand new, fit-for-purpose specialist eye hospital has long been part of the Trust's ambitions.
- 2.3 Strategic discussions with Sunderland City Council began in December 2019 about the potential to develop a new eye hospital in the heart of the City. Throughout 2020, work has taken place to develop a detailed business case for a new eye hospital which was approved by South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Board in late 2020.

3. CLINICAL SERVICES

- 3.1 There will be no change to the clinical services provided in the new Eye Hospital.

 All clinical services currently provided from SEI will transfer to the new eye hospital to be delivered from a new modern, purpose-built environment in a much more accessible City centre location. This includes:
 - 24/7 Emergency Eye Department
 - Regional Cataract Treatment Centre
 - Inpatient ward
 - Theatres for inpatient and day case surgery
 - Medical photography/imaging department
 - Outpatient services
 - Paediatric / children's services
- 3.2 The new Eye Hospital is also being designed to allow for future expansion should this be required, given the ongoing rise in demand for ophthalmology services.

The Trust is also keen to continue expanding its specialist eye services in the community through its existing satellite hubs across South Tyneside, Sunderland, Durham and Hartlepool. A further satellite hub is also being planned to open at Cleadon Park Primary Care Centre in South Tyneside.

4. ASSURANCE TESTING

- 4.1 Although the plans for a new eye hospital do not constitute any significant service change or reconfiguration of patient services, in line with best practice, the Trust has still carried out a self-assessment against the five assurance tests as outlined in the national NHS guidance. This self-assessment is summarised below.
- 4.2 <u>Strong public and patient engagement</u>: The Trust is fully committed to fulfilling its statutory engagement duties in relation to an open and transparent process as plans for a new SEI progress. A detailed patient and public involvement strategy is in place to ensure:
 - Engagement takes place at the formative stage of the design process
 - Detailed information is openly shared about the rationale for a new SEI
 - Ample time is given for the clinical design team and architects to consider feedback gathered through patient and public involvement and any necessary changes made prior to building works commencing.
- 4.3 Detailed engagement has also already taken place with patients and service users at the earliest possible opportunity in order to influence discussions with the architects at the formative design stage. This has included:
 - Patient experience insights from Friends and Family feedback
 - Representatives from the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and patients acting as critical friends during early design stages
 - Feedback from over 2,000 patients who have recently attended SEI (this was a representative sample of patients across all geographic localities served by SEI).
- 4.4 Consistency with current and prospective need for patient choice: Patients' right to choice is embedded in NHS statute and policy, through both the NHS Constitution (2015) and The NHS Choice Framework (2016). Patients choose to attend SEI for their eye care based on locality and service provision. Referred by their GP, optician or other external service, patients can be seen as part of a hub and spoke service with SEI being the hub and a variety of other satellite health premises available for most, but not all, sub-speciality treatments. The very nature of ophthalmology care requires specific imaging, day case, or inpatient surgery which cannot be provided at all satellite sites therefore patient choice is sometimes minimised for these aspects. A new SEI build will re-provide the same hub and spoke service which is currently in place with no major changes to how services are offered or managed. There will however be an enhancement to patient choice with more care planned to be delivered locally at the spoke satellite locations of Cleadon Park at South Tyneside and at Durham Treatment Centre.
- 4.5 <u>Clear, clinical evidence base</u>: Service sustainability and the ability to maintain safe and effective clinical care is a core driver for the development of a new eye hospital. The current environment is no longer fit for purpose and does not support an optimum patient experience. The ability to enhance care pathways within a new SEI build through the provision of an ambulatory care area, through dedicated paediatric spaces and improved technology systems will allow

achievement of more important quality standards. The proposed new build will also futureproof the service in light of ever growing demand on ophthalmology services which is predicted to continue to increase by 3 – 4 % year per year based on current SEI growth patterns and clinical views. Some sub-specialities are expected to grow at greater rates such as cataracts and macular services mainly due to an aging and increasingly diabetic population and new therapies for common chronic eye diseases which require repeated attendance for monitoring and treatment. The Trust will also consider wider growth capacity, as required, to support system recovery for ophthalmology services in light of COVID-19.

- 4.6 <u>Support for proposals from commissioners</u>: The Trust has full support from its main commissioners in Sunderland, South Tyneside and County Durham as well as support from the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System and NHS England / Improvement.
- 4.7 Assurance around proposals for bed reductions: In reviewing how the clinical teams work within the constraints of the current SEI building, it is clear that a large number of patients are currently admitted to the inpatient ward unnecessarily purely because it is the only place to receive a patient. A reduction of 14 inpatient beds has therefore been recommended in the new build which will have a capacity of eight single inpatient rooms. The new hospital will, however, also encompass a new ambulatory care area where up to six patients at a time can be accommodated who require short periods of clinical care without being fully admitted to a ward. In addition, there will also be a new Day of Surgery Admission Unit (DOSA) which includes 10 individual recovery rooms meaning patients will no longer need to be admitted to the inpatient ward when attending for day case surgery.
- 4.8 This approach echoes the key learning from the redevelopment of Manchester Eye Hospital where the inpatient ward was significantly oversized. The new SEI building will also incorporate a separate dedicated paediatric area and ensure all regulatory and quality standards are met for the care of children.

5. FINANCE

- A development agreement is in place between South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust and Sunderland City Council in order to secure the £36m needed to deliver the new Eye Hospital. The Trust will repay this in full and it has no impact on other Council resources. This will ensure the best value for money and continued investment in the regeneration of the City.
- In pulling together proposals for a new eye hospital, the Trust also considered the significant financial consequences of 'doing nothing' and continuing to operate from the current SEI building which has backlog maintenance risk of circa £5.5m as of 2020. The current building would require considerable repair costing circa £40 million of capital investment to fully upgrade its infrastructure. This would also need to be done on a phased approach over three years with extended use of temporary decant facilities making the impact on both capital and revenue unaffordable. To continue to run services from the current site will be much more expensive in the long-term and would not be an efficient use of taxpayer's money.

6. PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- 6.1 A robust programme of patient / service user and public involvement is now underway as plans for the new eye hospital progress. The Trust's communications and engagement strategy adheres to NHS England's 10 best practice involvement and engagement principles and has been independently assured to confirm:
 - that the approaches set out are in-line with NHS duties to involve patients in the development / design of the hospital
 - that the hospital move is 'a lift and shift' to a new site and, as such, there will not
 be any major changes to clinical services (apart from obvious improvements that a
 new hospital will bring as outlined in this briefing)
 - that information received during patient and public involvement activity is documented and taken into account as part of the design and development process.
 - that equality impact reviews and patient flow information is assessed and used to inform involvement activity and who should be proactively involved in providing feedback on the plans.
- 6.2 In line with NHS regulatory guidance, the approach to public engagement or formal consultation should be proportionate to the change being proposed. In this case, the recommended approach is a robust programme of patient / service user and public involvement.
- 6.3 Engagement already undertaken to date, along with involvement activities which will continue to be undertaken as part of a co-production approach, is considered by the Trust and the CCG as a proportionate arrangement for gaining valuable views to inform the design and build phases of the new eye hospital.
- 6.4 This public engagement approach is also supported by NHS England / Improvement who have confirmed that the redevelopment of SEI does not represent a significant service change under the definitions of the NHS England's 'Planning, Assuring and Delivering Service Change'.

7. TRAVEL AND ACCESS

- 7.1 Access to the new eye hospital is an important consideration and the Trust's patient feedback to date suggests that 80% of patients who attend Sunderland Eye Infirmary currently arrive by car and 13% rely on public transport.
- 7.2 Regardless of how people arrive, the new City centre location will offer much improved access and excellent transport links. For those who do attend using public transport, local networks are within close walking distance for bus, train and metro facilities.
- 7.3 There will be a dedicated on-site car park at the new eye hospital with 90 spaces for patients and visitors. This will include accessible bays and electric car charging points. In addition, a new car parking facility providing 650 spaces is planned nearby at Farringdon Row. 100 of these spaces will be dedicated for staff at the new eye hospital. For those who are travelling to the new eye hospital by car, there is also the existing multi-storey car park at St Mary's.

8. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

8.1 Health and equality have been consistently considered throughout the initial planning phases and will continue to be an integral part of the discussions to ensure that the nine main characteristics protected by the Equality Act 2010 are met. An Equality Impact Assessment in line with public sector equality duties will be undertaken.

TIMING AND NEXT STEPS 9.

9.1 A period of patient and public involvement is now underway to gather as much feedback about our plans as possible between March and May. The following virtual public engagement sessions will take place for people to find out more about the plans. To book visit: www.stsft.nhs.uk/neweyehospital or call 0191 404 1284.

Date	Time
Thursday 15 April	2pm - 3pm
Tuesday 20 April	6pm - 7pm
Tuesday 27 April	10am – 11am
Thursday 29 April	2pm – 3pm
Tuesday 4 May	1pm – 2pm

9.2 The Trust hopes to submit a formal planning application at the end of May 2021 with building work expected to begin in 2022 (subject to planning approval) and the new Eye Hospital to open in 2024.

10. RECOMMENDATION

That Members of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee: (a) note the plans for the redevelopment of Sunderland Eye Infirmary and (b) formally approve the proactive patient and public involvement strategy as the most appropriate and efficient approach for ensuring local people are able to influence the new eye hospital plans.

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South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust

Item 6

HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 APRIL 2021

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2020-21

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The report attaches, for Members' information, the current work programme for the Committee's work during the 2020-21 Council year.
- 1.2 In delivering its work programme the committee will support the council in achieving its Corporate Outcomes.

2. Background

2.1 The work programme is a working document which Committee can develop throughout the year. As a living document the work programme allows Members and Officers to maintain an overview of work planned and undertaken during the Council year.

3. Current position

3.1 The current work programme is attached as an appendix to this report.

4. Conclusion

4.1 The work programme will be re-developed for the forthcoming municipal year 2021/22 to reflect current and emerging issues from a range of stakeholders and Elected Members. The work programme will remain a flexible mechanism for managing the work of the Committee in 2021-22.

5 Recommendation

5.1 That Members note the information contained in the work programme.

6. Glossary

n/a

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME 2020-21

REASON FOR INCLUSION		1 JULY 20 D/L:19 June 20	2 SEPTEMBER 20 D/L:21 August 20	30 SEPTEMBER 20 D/L:18 Sept 20	28 OCTOBER 20 D/L:16 Oct 20	25 NOVEMBER 20 D/L:13 Nov 20	6 JANUARY 21 D/L:23 Dec 20	3 FEBRUARY 21 D/L:22 Jan 21	10 MARCH 21 D/L:26 Feb 21	14 APRIL 21 D/L:2 April 21
Policy Framework / Cabinet Referrals and Responses										
Scrutiny Business		Covid-19 Update (Sunderland City Council, CCG & NHS FT) Draft Health Inequalities Strategy (Julie Parker-Walton)	Covid-19 Update (Sunderland City Council, CCG & NHS FT)	Covid-19 Update (Public Health) Winter Preparedness (P Foster – ATB) Flu immunisation Programme (G Gibson)	Covid-19 Update (Sunderland City Council, CCG & NHS FT)	Covid-19 Update (Sunderland City Council, CCG & NHS FT) MH Strategy (Sunderland CCG) SSAB Annual Report (Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board)	Covid-19 Update (Sunderland City Council, CCG & NHS FT)	Covid-19 Update (Sunderland City Council, CCG & NHS FT) North East Ambulance Service (M Cotton) Healthy City Plan (G Taylor/J Hibberd)	Covid-19 Update (Sunderland City Council, CCG & NHS FT) Managing the Market (G King) NHS White Paper (N Cummings) Annual Report (N Cummings)	Covid-19 Update (Sunderland City Council, CCG & NHS FT) Sunderland Eye Infirmary (NHS FT)
Performance / Service Improvement										
Consultation/ Information & Awareness Raising	Notice of Key Decisions	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 20-21

Items to be scheduled

Ophthalmology
Path to Excellence Phase 1 & 2 Updates
Integrated Care Systems Update (CCG)
Engaging the Public (CCG)
Care and Support Annual Repot (Sunderland Care and Support)
NHS FT Merger Update (NHS FT)

Item 7

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY 14 APRIL 2021 COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide Members with an opportunity to consider the items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28-day period from 22 February 2021.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Holding the Executive to account is one of the main functions of Scrutiny. One of the ways that this can be achieved is by considering the forthcoming decisions of the Executive (as outlined in the Notice of Key Decisions) and deciding whether Scrutiny can add value in advance of the decision being made. This does not negate Non-Executive Members ability to call-in a decision after it has been made.
- 2.2 To this end, the most recent version of the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions is included on the agenda of this Committee. The Notice of Key Decisions for the 28-day period from 22 February 2021 is attached marked **Appendix 1**.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 In considering the Notice of Key Decisions, Members are asked to consider only those issues where the Scrutiny Committee could make a contribution which would add value prior to the decision being taken.
- 3.2 In the event of Members having any queries that cannot be dealt with directly in the meeting, a response will be sought from the relevant Directorate.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 To consider the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28-day period from 22 February 2021 at the Scrutiny Committee meeting.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Cabinet Agenda

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28 day notice Notice issued 22 February 2021

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Notice is given of the following proposed Key Decisions (whether proposed to be taken in public or in private) and of Executive Decisions including key decisions) intended to be considered in a private meeting:-

Item no.	Matter in respect of which a decision is to be made	Decision- maker (if individual, name and title, if body, its name and see below for list of members)	Key Decision Y/N	Anticipated date of decision/ period in which the decision is to be taken	Private meeting Y/N	Reasons for the meeting to be held in private	Documents submitted to the decision- maker in relation to the matter*	Address to obtain further information
201116/536	To agree to dissolve partnership agreement with Homes England and trigger right of preemption to acquire land at Sunniside.	Cabinet	N	During the period 12 January to 31 March 2021.	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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200813/494	To approve the establishment of a funding mechanism for the acquisition of residential properties.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 9 February to 31 March 2021	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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201109/536	Riverside Sunderland – To approve proposals for the detailed design, construction and letting of a new Development on the former Vaux site.	Cabinet	Υ	During the period 9 February to 31 March 2021	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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200902/500	To approve the acquisition of Bridge House, Bridge Street.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 9 February to 31 March 2021	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210208/554	To consider statutory proposals and objections/comments received thereon in relation to the proposed increase in capacity and alteration of the lower age of admission at Hetton Primary School.	School Organisation Committee of Cabinet	Y	11 March 2021 (published on a separate notice published on 8 February 2021.)	N	Not applicable.	School Organisational Committee of Cabinet report and responses to Consultation and Statutory proposals	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210208/555	To consider statutory proposals and objections/comments received thereon in relation to the proposal to increase the number of pupils at Sunningdale Primary School	School Organisation Committee of Cabinet	Y	11 March 2021 (published on a separate notice published on 8 February 2021.)	N	Not applicable	School Organisational Committee of Cabinet report and responses to Consultation and Statutory proposals	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210208/556	To seek approval for the proposed maintained school admission arrangements for the academic year September 2022-23 and to describe proposed amendments to published admission numbers (PANs) for the academic year 2021/22, where it is necessary to provide additional places or remove existing places.	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	N	Not applicable	Cabinet Paper and Appendices	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
170927/212	To approve in principle the establishment of a new police led Road Safety Partnership (Northumbria Road Safety Partnership) embracing the Northumbria Force Area.	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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201201/538	To give approval to progress with the Emergency Active Travel Funded cycle scheme on the Sea Front from the former tram stop to Roker café.	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210113/551	To endorse the Healthy City Plan following approval at the Health and Wellbeing Board.	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210118/552	To consider the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for the New Wear Footbridge.	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210128/553	To authorise the Executive Director of City Development to deliver the Future High Street Fund Programme	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210201/557	To consider and approve funding and delivery proposals for the Vaux Housing project.	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210201/558	To consider and approve funding and delivery proposals for the Vaux Housing project.	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210201/560	To consider the acquisition of West Walk Retail, 56-62 High Street West	Cabinet	Υ	23 March 2021	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210204/561	Leechmere Centre – To procure and award a contract for renewal of flat roof coverings.	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210210/562	To seek approval to the planned Highway Maintenance (including Bridges) and Integrated Transport Programme for 2021-2022 and approve amendments (additions/deferrals) to the 2020-2021 Programme.	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	N 27 of 31	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210210/563	To review the Corporate Parenting Board and agree recommendations listed within the report	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210211/564	To approve the payment of financial assistance to a Sunderland based company in relation to the company's own investment plans.	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210211/565	To consider entering into a Funding Agreement and associated Partnership Agreement related to the city's low carbon programme.	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210212/566	Receive a progress update and approve appointment of a preferred developer in relation to the redevelopment of the existing Civic Centre site, on terms to be agreed by the Executive Director of City Development in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate services, Leader and Cabinet Secretary.	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
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210215/568	Review of City-wide Public Spaces Protection Order	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210215/569	To seek approval for the Annual Review of the Housing Delivery and Investment Plan	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210218/570	To consider and approve funding and delivery proposals for public realm and infrastructure for Sunderland Riverside and the fit-out of City Hall	Cabinet	Y	23 March 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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201201/537	To give approval to progress with the three schemes (Sunderland Station and Car park, Holmeside bus rationalisation and A690 corridor cycle provision) funded by the governments Transforming Cities Fund.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 to 30 June 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

Note; Some of the documents listed may not be available if they are subject to an exemption, prohibition or restriction on disclosure.

Further documents relevant to the matters to be decided can be submitted to the decision-maker. If you wish to request details of those documents (if any) as they become available, or to submit representations about a proposal to hold a meeting in private, you should contact Governance Services at the address below.

Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of documents submitted to the decision-maker can also be obtained from the Governance Services team PO Box 100, Civic Centre, Sunderland, or by email to committees@sunderland.gov.uk

*Other documents relevant to the matter may be submitted to the decision maker and requests for details of these documents should be submitted to Governance Services at the address given above.

Who will decide:

Councillor Graeme Miller – Leader; Councillor Paul Stewart – Deputy Leader/Cabinet Secretary; Councillor Louise Farthing – Children, Learning and Skills: Councillor Kelly Chequer – Healthy City; Councillor Linda Williams – Vibrant City; Councillor Rebecca Atkinson – Dynamic City.

This is the membership of Cabinet as at the date of this notice. Any changes will be specified on a supplementary notice.

Elaine Waugh,

Assistant Director of Law and Governance

22 February 2021