

Sunderland System Covid-19 Update

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2 February 2022

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Will cover:

- Performance update
- Winter scheme summary
- Latest position for the vaccination programme



Performance Update

Referral to Treatment (RTT) - performance continues to be in a **strong** position

- Highest performance in NENC ICS.
- Over 52 week waiters = Dec'21 – 264 v 509 this time last year (increase on last month)
- Over 18 week waiters = Dec'21 – 5,118 v 2,935 this time last year (increase on last month)
- Additional activity commissioned from Independent Sector using additional national funding available
- Seasonal urgent care pressures are impacting on planning care performance

Diagnostic testing - performance pressures in services like echocardiography and imaging

- Additional workforce in place for echocardiography with additional capacity commissioned by providers using national funding. Additional workforce also secured recurrently. Expecting significant reduction in the backlog in quarter four for echocardiography.

Accident and Emergency (A&E) four hour wait performance continues to **deteriorate** due to **significant** pressures throughout the system:

- Partnership approach to managing flow and pressures in the system
- Additional resources deployed to key parts of urgent care system, increased surge arrangements coordinated by ATB including Senior Leadership surge arrangements on a daily basis with a focus on discharge
- Winter plans agreed which includes additional funding to support increase resources across the system
- Workforce Issues – risk of Omicron and impact of isolation



Performance Update

Cancer performance remains **challenging** but is **improving** in some areas:

- Cancer referral performance volatile continues to improve with 2WW performance the highest in the ICS. Referrals continue to be higher than pre-pandemic levels.
- Action plans in place – Northern Cancer Alliance working with providers and local areas around campaigns to increase referrals into cancer services. National and local campaigns scheduled in over the coming months to encourage people to come forward if they have concerns
- Additional funding provided to deliver cancer improvement plans across the ICS focusing on case finding and rapid diagnostics. New developments around targeted lung health checks due to start in April.

Mental health services – continued high demand compared to last year for children's mental health services and **demand for Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) also now higher**

- Referrals continue to be higher than pre-pandemic levels with referrals sustained at around 50% higher than pre-pandemic levels. Growing number of 18+ week waiters (lower than pre-pandemic) albeit lower than the level of demand going into services.
- Additional funding agreed and deployed to help provide additional resources into children's mental health services whilst transformation of pathways takes place
- SEND statement of action accepted. JSNA almost complete.



General Practice Access

- General Practices continue to be extremely busy delivering services
- From Apr-Dec 21, attendances (face to face and non face to face) are 6% higher than 2019/20 equating to around 50,000 additional attendances (260 per day) across the City.
- Practices are being given support to increase face to face appointments as well as support to increase administrators in practice. Further support includes 'overspill' clinics and respiratory clinics for children.



All Together Better Update

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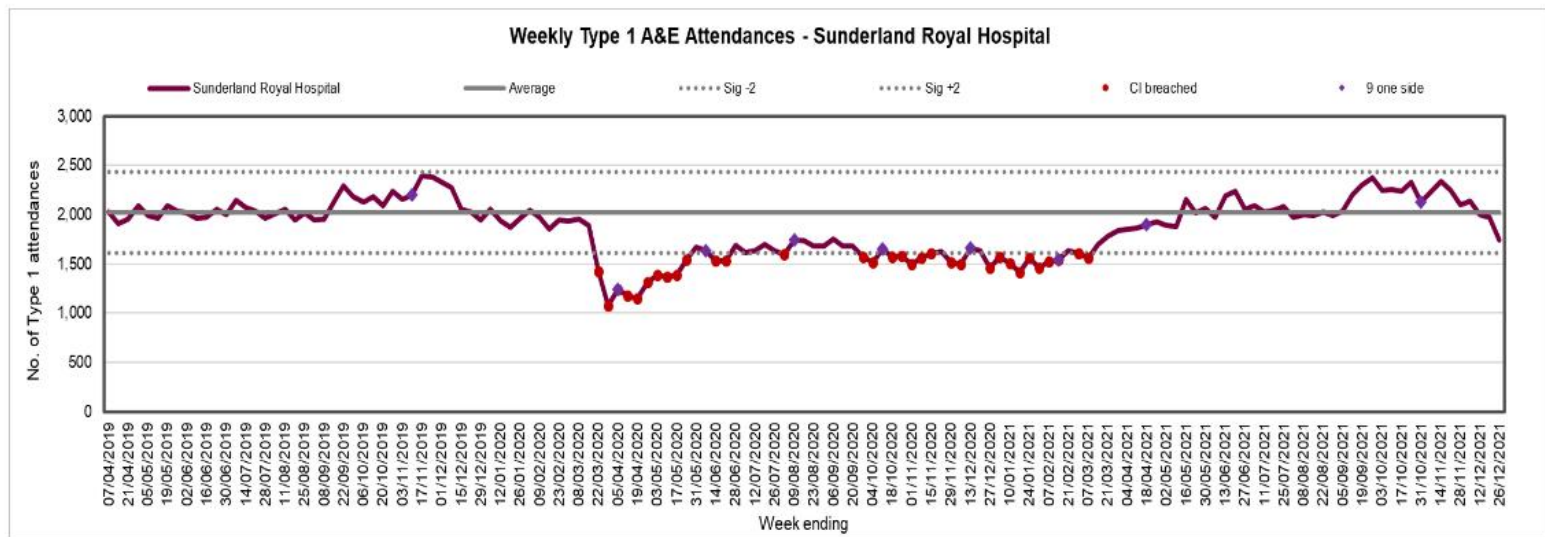
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Surge Update

- Over the last two months we have seen significant pressure across the health & social care system and particularly on Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC) services and hospital discharges
- This is mainly due to a mixture of covid and winter pressures and having to manage this demand whilst impacted by; staff isolation and Infection prevention and control measures
- All parts of the system are working together to ensure a strong recovery

Emergency Department Attendances



Surge Update

- UTC move onto Hospital Site –working well
- Implementing a range of improvements in discharge process
- Looking to implement changes around community nursing 2 hour response
- Primary Care over spill clinic-positive feedback
- Ambulance handover development work well underway
- Working closely with CNTW to transform Mental Health community services

Vaccination Programme Update

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Where we were 5.1.22

- **1st doses given** **211,533** **84%**
- **2nd doses given** **196,323** **78%**
- **Booster given** **145,676** **62.6% (as % of 2nd doses 74%)**
- **w/c 13.12.21 initial capacity 6,700, expanded capacity 8,830
10,130 jabs given**
- **w/c 20.12.21 initial capacity 3,000, expanded capacity 18,405
9,678 jabs given**
- **w/c 27.12.21 initial capacity 3,500, expanded capacity 25,975
8,831 jabs given**



Where we were 5.1.22

In Sunderland – population ~ 284K

- **~40K still eligible for 1st dose**
- **~55K still eligible for 2nd dose**
- **~52K still eligible for booster**
- **Due to start offering booster to healthy 16-17s & at risk 12-15s (further ~6K eligible for booster)**
- **Awaiting further information on vaccinating at risk 5-11s**



General update

- Demand for vaccination has significantly dropped nationally (post covid window, hesitancy, apathy) clinics have been reduced to reflect this to keep things sustainable
- Pfizer expiry date extended on some batches
- More community pharmacies have signed up locally
- Now giving boosters to healthy 16-17s & at risk 12-15s
- To start dedicated paediatric Pfizer clinics for high risk 5-11s in February
- Current programme runs until the end of March ?what next



Where we are now

- **1st doses given 212,913 84.5%**
- **2nd doses given 198,354 78.9%**
- **Boosters given 152,927 64% (as % of 2nd doses 77%)**
- **Still ~39K not had a 1st dose
~53K not had a 2nd dose
~35K not had a booster that have had a 2nd dose**



What is happening to improve uptake

- Under 30s vaccine hesitancy campaign in February – change of heart theme
- Targeted calls to unvaccinated individuals supported by the LA
- Liaising with Sunderland Royal Hospital – in reach session
- Liaising with Maternity services to promote vaccination in pregnant women
- Liaising with practices to target recognised low uptake groups
- Looking at future pop-up sites in low uptake areas and special schools

