

Sunderland System Covid-19 Update

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
8 September 2021

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Will cover:

- Performance update
- All Together Better update
- 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 = Jul'21 – 328 (continued reduction month on month)
- Over 18 week waiters = Jul'21 - 3,695 v 5,916 this time last year
- Additional activity commissioned from the Independent Sector and commissioned using additional national funding available
- Impact of staff isolation reducing due to changes in national guidance but risks remain around the changes to the thresholds for delivering additional activity and the impact of surge in urgent care activity

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.
- Additional capacity (MRI and CT) sourced with independent sector and other Trusts plus additional MRI and CT available from Jul'21 from national funding.

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

- Workforce pressures linked to COVID isolation beginning to improve.
- Partnership approach to managing flow and pressures in the system (CCG, ATB, LA and STSFT) with additional resources deployed to key parts of the urgent care system and increased surge arrangements coordinated by ATB.
- Urgent care attendances have reduced slightly after a significant increase through to Jun'21



Performance Update

Cancer performance remains challenging:

- Large number of patients choosing to delay treatment due to COVID concerns
- Two week wait cancer referral performance volatile - referrals remain lower than 2019/20 in a number of areas, e.g. breast symptoms and lung
- Despite not delivering the 2WW standard for breast symptoms, assurance has been provided that the **vast majority of patients** are being seen within 16 days
- Action plans in place – Northern Cancer Alliance working with providers and local areas around campaigns to increase referrals into cancer services. Additional funding provided to deliver cancer improvement plans across the ICS.

Mental health services – **demand higher** than last year **after lockdown** for children's mental health services and **demand for IAPT is now showing signs of increase.**

- Referrals continue to be higher than 2019/20 so far in 21/22, particularly for children's services. Q1 referrals 50% higher than pre-pandemic levels
- Waiting times in adults and children continue to be low despite increased demand and routine monitoring remains in place.
- Work commissioned to improve the monitoring of outcomes for children for health and SEND.



ATB Update

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Current System Pressures

- Pressures on the emergency department at Sunderland City Hospital continues to be challenging due to increased demand and significant workforce challenges relating to Covid isolation and sickness.
- Activity levels on our emergency and urgent care system are above 2019/20.
- Challenges around flow and management of medically optimised patients out of hospital- all partners working together to provide best outcomes for patients.
- Risks around a potential surge in referrals for mental health services as a result of Covid which is also likely to impact treatment times and increase waiting times.
- IAPT referrals increased in March 2021, higher than comparative periods. However, performance remains one of the highest in the ICS in terms of access.

Current System Pressures

- General Practice appointment activity continues to increase in Sunderland in-line with the regional picture.
- General Practice appointments across the region in July 2021 were 994,477 (up from 888,576 in July 2020 and 260,804 in July 2019).
- Practices continue to operate appointments via telephone, on-line and face to face.
- Demand continues to increase at a time when capacity has been affected by the summer holidays, staff absences and continuation of the Covid vaccination programme.
- CCG has commenced a 'General Practice Access' project; report to be brought to a future meeting once project concludes.

Preparing for Winter and Surge Demand

- Preparation for winter planning has focused on the learning from last years winter period and from the continued pressures we are seeing across the whole health and social care system.

Key Priorities:-

- Manage demand (both covid & non covid) safely during winter.
- Preventative approach to avoid admission to hospital.
- Increase community and hospital capacity.
- Supporting and protecting residents in care homes.
- Joined up working across partners to support timely discharge.
- Encourage uptake of the flu vaccine and covid booster vaccine programme.
- Communication plan.

Transformation

A wide range of transformation activity is underway through ATB to improve service delivery and patient outcomes, address health inequalities and to learn from the covid-19 response. These transformation projects include:-

- Developing emergency and urgent care services using learning from covid-19 response.
- Reviewing hospital discharge arrangements and services.
- Improving medicines optimisation and reducing pressures on prescribing budget.
- Develop community diagnostic capacity.
- Improving the diabetes care pathway.
- Implementing Social Prescribing strategy.

Any questions?



Vaccination Programme Update



Key points

- 380,770 doses in total given to Sunderland residents/staff
- 199,891 first doses given to Sunderland residents/staff
 - uptake in cohorts 1-9 currently stands at 93.1% and at 71.2% for cohorts 10-13
 - 84.2% of **total** eligible population vaccinated with one dose
- 180,879 second doses have been given – 90.5% of those who have had 1st dose
 - 97.1% of cohorts 1-9 have had 2nd dose
 - 77.9% of cohorts 10-13 have had 2nd dose



Vaccination Rates

Cohort	1 st dose % uptake	2 nd dose % uptake (of those who have had 1 st dose)
Older people care home residents	97.0%	97.3%
Over 80s	97.6%	99.1%
75-79yrs	97.9%	99.0%
70-74yrs	97.0%	99.1%
CEV	93.7%	96.5%
65-69 yrs	95.9%	99.1%
<65 at risk and carers (exc 12-15 yrs at risk)	90.0%	94.1%
60-64 yrs	92.9%	98.4%
55-59 yrs	91.3%	97.7%
50-54 yrs	88.2%	96.9%
40-49 yrs	81.6%	93.1%
30-39 yrs	71.1%	83.4%
18-29 yrs	67.2%	68.4%
16-17 yrs	51.9%	4.3%
12-15 yrs at risk	30.3%	0%



Left to Vaccinate

Age cohort	1 st doses	2 nd doses (of those who have had a 1 st dose)
Over 80s	35	112
75-79	64	97
70-74	255	138
65-69	369	127
Under 65s at risk (cohort 6)	3,245	2,131
60-64	518	142
55-59	834	248
50-54	1,345	364
40-49	4,159	1,401
30-39	8,782	3,744
18-29	10,912	7,344
16-17	2,545	2,671
12-15 at risk	205	97
CEV patients (cohort 4)	443	351



General update

- Moving to pull model for vaccines from w/c 13th September
- Roving clinics held at
 - Beacon of Light – 28 August
 - University – 02 September

Further roving clinics planned for:

- Sunderland College Bede Campus – 9th September
- University Freshers – 24th September
- Rocking in the Free World Concert – 28th September
- Mosque – date to be confirmed
- Clinics on 'Grab a Jab' website



General update

- All general clinics include ability to drop-in for 1st dose.
- Have held dedicated clinics for 12-15 yr olds 'at risk'.
- JCVI not recommending jabs for all 12-15 yr olds – awaiting CMO decision.
- 11 November 2021 – staff attending care homes must be jabbed.
- Awaiting confirmation of when Phase 3 booster campaign can commence.
- Specific category of patients who are immunosuppressed receiving 3rd dose over coming weeks.

