

Sunderland System Covid-19 Update

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2 December 2021

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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 = Sep'21 – 256 v 309 this time last year (continued reduction each month)
- Over 18 week waiters = Sep'21 – 4,387 v 4,124 this time last year
- Additional activity commissioned from Independent Sector using additional national funding available
- Urgent care pressures likely to impact on capacity going forward

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 for diagnostics in place via national funding and further bids submitted for additional national funding for echocardiography
- Community capacity in place for cardiology and respiratory diagnostics

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

- Partnership approach to managing flow and pressures in the system (CCG, ATB, LA and STSFT)
- Additional resources deployed to key parts of urgent care system, increased surge arrangements coordinated by ATB including Senior Leadership surge arrangements
- Urgent care attendances remain significant across all areas
- Winter plans agreed which includes additional funding to support increase resources across the system e.g. ED, community and general practice



Performance Update

Cancer performance remains **challenging**:

- Cancer referral performance volatile but showing signs of improvement 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.

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)
- Additional funding agreed and deployed to help provide additional resources into children's mental health services whilst transformation of pathways takes place
- Work commissioned to improve the monitoring of outcomes for children for health and SEND. JSNA development on-going.



All Together Better Update

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Purpose

To update the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny committee on system winter/C19 planning to provide assurance on system resilience for the city by providing an overview of:

Winter funding is used to ensure:-

- System resilience
- Safe and quality patient care is provided at times of high demand,
- Contribute to the system achieving the A&E four hour standard
- Resilience against Covid19 and flu.

Winter Schemes 20/21

The Sunderland system Surge Group identified the following schemes via undertaking a number of dedicated planning sessions and use of a prioritisation matrix.

The schemes have been approved by Sunderland CCG to the total of **£2,900,432**. Mental Health Schemes sit outside of this budget to a total of **£155,567**.

An evaluation framework is in place to regularly review schemes, discuss impact and any potential changes to ensure flow across the system

Flu and Covid Vaccination programme remains a key part of our system resilience and covid recovery strategy this winter.

Theme	Out of hospital Surge High Level Overview of Agreed Schemes
Integrated Discharge Team Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Assistants: Recruit team of personal assistants to provide flexible support to pathway 1 discharges • Homeless Officer: Continue with funding for member of housing options team to be placed in hospital to support discharge. • Discharge System Co-ordinator; As per national guidance appoint a <u>6 month</u> temp System Co-ordinator to have oversight of multi-agency approach • Social Work; Continue with enhanced staff numbers of extended operating hours to support national discharge pathway • Ward discharge support: Recruit additional staff to support discharge nurses on wards • Hospital Discharge Extension: Age UK discharge care team to support patients on discharge and up to six weeks (isolation and loneliness) • Technology: Funding to support use of Assistive Tech to support discharge via range of monitoring equipment and increase tech team • Equipment: ICAR two vital signs monitor and associated supporting kit to support the monitoring of more complex patients.
Short Term Care Package Support	Recruit additional staff to increase capacity for system in relation to community-based packages of care.
NEAS RAT Project	RAT project, resource to support NEAS handovers within ED. Good evaluation and potential to expand. Additional x1 B5 nursing support 12 Hours per day seen days.
Community Beds	96 community bed provision with contingency plan in place. Potential for a further 15 beds to be commissioned via the opening of a new care home.

System Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paediatric consultant and nursing capacity • RaH GP and nursing capacity • ICAR nursing and older person support team • UTC and ED nursing and GP • CIT teams (nursing) • Palliative care team
Independent Living Officers	Living Officers to provide single transaction assessment and provision of equipment in the community to maintain successful independent living and prevent falls and avoidable accidents.
Transport	Additional transport 24/7 by NEAS, private providers as well as further exploration with the voluntary care sector to provide transport to patients to get to GP practices as well as discharge from hospital
Primary Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Care Overspill Clinic to support existing CCG primary care SLA • Primary Care Physio Pilot
Consultant Connect	A&G service between GPs and Consultants to ensure patients are treated at the right time (general medicine/frailty/mental health).
Falls Responder	Continue to fund Telecare service to respond to falls via protocol in place with NEAS. (Note service has capacity to increase capacity.
Community Pharmacy GP Support	Pharmacy support for general practice to try and create GP capacity.
Mental Health	Counselling services Autism services VCSO to support general mental health issues Sunderland university student support Gentoo accommodation to support hospital discharge

Winter Communications



Health and care partners
working together.

Next Steps

- Deployment of winter schemes by end of November 21.
- Regular review winter schemes.
- System partners recognise winter will be difficult, but by working together we will increase system resilience
- Take time to thank and support staff in all services for their hard work and support to the people of Sunderland.

Vaccination Programme Update

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Key points

- 470,079 Covid-19 vaccine doses given to Sunderland residents since December 2020 – Population 285,000
- 208,543 - 1st doses - 82.9% eligible population
- 190,290 - 2nd doses - 80% of eligible population, 91.3% of those that have had a 1st dose have had a 2nd dose
- 71,426 booster doses – 43.5% of population eligible for booster (note 48.4% of initial group 1-9 before group 10 added and of these 75% had booster that are currently eligible i.e. are 6/12 post 2nd dose)



Vaccination Rates – 1st & 2nd Doses

Cohort	1 st dose % uptake	2 nd dose % uptake (of those who have had 1 st dose)
Older people care home residents	96.8%	98.1%
Over 80s	97.7%	99.2%
75-79yrs	98.0%	99.2%
70-74yrs	97.1%	99.2%
CEV	92.7%	96.7%
65-69 yrs	96.0%	99.2%
<65 at risk and carers (exc 12-15 yrs at risk)	90.8%	95.5%
60-64 yrs	93.1%	98.6%
55-59 yrs	91.6%	98.3%
50-54 yrs	88.4%	97.5%
40-49 yrs	82.8%	94.7%
30-39 yrs	72.8%	89.5%
18-29 yrs	70.5%	84.0%
16-17 yrs	64.7%	11.0%
12-15 yrs at risk	51.3%	0%



Cohort	1 st dose % uptake	2 nd dose % uptake
Healthy 12-15 year olds	40.6%	N/A
Pregnant Women	65.1%	52.8%



Booster Doses

Cohort	Uptake (Percentage of eligible people)
Older people care home residents	81.7%
Over 80yrs	89.0%
75-79 yrs	89.6%
70-74 yrs	85.6%
CEV/Shielded	56.2%
65-69 yrs	70.3%
<65 at risk & carers (exc 12-15s)	30.9%
60-64 yrs	21.2%
55-59 yrs	18.6%
50-54 yrs	15.9%



General Update – New guidance

- JCVI released new guidance on 29th November
- Booster eligibility to be extended to all over 18
- Booster interval to be reduced to 3 months instead of 6
- 12-15 year olds to be offered second dose
- This guidance is not operational yet and we continue to await further instruction on how this will be delivered



General update

- Clinics still being held in 6 local PCN sites, community pharmacies and mass vaccination site – offering 1st, 2nd and booster doses
- Drop in vaccine supply w/c 15th November due to Pfizer supplies (national issue)
- Moving to Moderna vaccine for boosters and all sites being trained and assured in delivery of this vaccine
- 12-15 year olds for those who have missed out of being vaccinated at initial visits the School Immunisations Team will be revisiting those schools.
- Secondary offer to 12-15 year olds, can book via NBS at mass vaccination sites such as Nightingale and community pharmacy, local sites have signed up but on hold due to Pfizer supply issues.



General update

- Phase 3 booster programme has been extended to 40-49 age group (extra 25,454)
2nd doses for healthy 16-17s (extra 5,541)
healthy 12-15s (extra 12,880)
- Majority of care home residents and now received both booster dose and flu vaccination, and a large percentage of housebound patients also
- Walk in push November 11th to 21st - 2368 extra doses given
- Nationally many GP led PCN sites have pulled out due to the pressures of running the vaccine programme as well as managing the increasing demands in primary care



Health Inequalities and Uptake

- Lower uptake in Millfield and Hendon wards than other areas in Sunderland
- Data suggests male population aged between 40-54 are less likely to have had a first dose of the vaccine



COVID-19 Vaccination Uptake: Sunderland Comparison, 40-49 & 50-54 Year Olds (Male Uptake Only - As At 21/11/2021)

Highest JCVI Cohort	Highest JCVI Cohort Description	First Dose											
		Millfield			Hendon			Sunderland District			Cumbria & North East STP		
		Popn	1st Dose	% Uptake	Popn	1st Dose	% Uptake	Popn	1st Dose	% Uptake	Popn	1st Dose	% Uptake
9	Aged 50-54	439	222	50.6%	318	227	71.4%	7,015	5,859	83.5%	72,476	62,589	86.4%
10	Aged 40-49	996	471	47.3%	709	447	63.0%	13,418	10,439	77.8%	142,744	111,711	78.3%
Highest JCVI Cohort	Highest JCVI Cohort Description	Second Dose											
		Millfield			Hendon			Sunderland District			Cumbria & North East STP		
		Popn	2nd Dose	% Uptake	Popn	2nd Dose	% Uptake	Popn	2nd Dose	% Uptake	Popn	2nd Dose	% Uptake
9	Aged 50-54	439	207	47.2%	318	218	68.6%	7,015	5,698	81.2%	72,476	60,998	84.2%
10	Aged 40-49	996	437	43.9%	709	402	56.7%	13,418	9,881	73.6%	142,744	105,817	74.1%



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- Uptake in the last three weeks has improved very slightly
- An additional 7 first doses were given combined in this age group
- An additional 14 second doses were given combined in this age group



50-54 Year Olds: First Dose Uptake By Ward

Rnk	Ward	Popn	Vacs	% Uptake
1	Fulwell	262	245	93.5%
2	Shiney Row	348	322	92.5%
3	Houghton	321	289	90.0%
4	Ryhope	245	220	89.8%
5	Copt Hill	309	276	89.3%
6	Redhill	235	209	88.9%
7	Washington Central	251	223	88.8%
8	Castle	267	237	88.8%
9	Southwick	224	197	87.9%
10	St Anne's	203	178	87.7%
11	Washington West	327	286	87.5%
12	Silksworth	221	193	87.3%
13	Hetton	271	236	87.1%
14	St Chad's	229	199	86.9%
15	Doxford	307	266	86.6%
16	Washington East	322	278	86.3%
17	Sandhill	265	224	84.5%
18	Washington South	233	196	84.1%
19	Pallion	237	198	83.5%
20	Washington North	286	238	83.2%
21	St Peter's	336	274	81.5%
22	St Michael's	271	218	80.4%
23	Barnes	288	208	72.2%
24	Hendon	318	227	71.4%
25	Millfield	439	222	50.6%

* Data From Foundry, Supplied By NECS BI



40-49 Year Olds: First Dose Uptake By Ward

Rnk	Ward	Popn	Vacs	% Uptake
1	Fulwell	424	373	88.0%
2	Hetton	501	432	86.2%
3	Washington West	554	474	85.6%
4	Copt Hill	533	454	85.2%
5	Washington East	608	517	85.0%
6	Houghton	546	464	85.0%
7	Shiney Row	637	539	84.6%
8	St Chad's	405	339	83.7%
9	Washington Central	588	492	83.7%
10	Doxford	497	415	83.5%
11	Pallion	487	405	83.2%
12	Ryhope	579	481	83.1%
13	Washington South	508	416	81.9%
14	St Anne's	352	288	81.8%
15	Sandhill	502	409	81.5%
16	Castle	470	374	79.6%
17	Silksworth	394	312	79.2%
18	Redhill	486	383	78.8%
19	St Michael's	487	383	78.6%
20	Washington North	510	395	77.5%
21	Southwick	421	326	77.4%
22	Barnes	559	404	72.3%
23	St Peter's	668	449	67.2%
24	Hendon	707	445	62.9%
25	Millfield	995	470	47.2%



Health Inequalities & Vaccination

- Actions

- Action group formed to tackle inequalities and uptake in the areas, members include local Councillors, Public Health and Local Authority colleagues, as well as NHS management and clinical support.
- Targeted work in these areas, following on from with roving clinics and leaflet drops/knocking on doors
- Working with community pharmacy to promote walk in clinics
- Revisiting Swan Lodge and YMCA to offer 1st , 2nd and booster doses in early December
- Liaising with Gentoo regarding 'pop up' clinics in areas such as flats/towers blocks in Hendon and Millfield. Gentoo helping with communication plan, and promoting walk in clinics via text and intercom to residents as well as premises – pop ups using the Melissa bus are weather dependant. Clinic will go ahead first or second week in December.



Health Inequalities & Vaccination

- Actions

- Continue to work with faith leaders and committed to further roving clinics supported by Public Health colleagues etc
- Roving clinic held at Bangladeshi centre on 14th November - 30 people attended

