

OPERATIONAL RECOVERY – 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 overview of South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT's work around operational recovery of the 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 requested further information from the Foundation Trust on the work being done to address a number of issues resulting from the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 A presentation is attached at **appendix one** of this report and covers a number of key issues including:
- Focus of Current Guidance;
 - Internal Governance and External Drivers;
 - Cancer Care and Performance; and
 - Waiting Times.
- 3.2 Representation from the Foundation Trust will be in attendance at the meeting to provide an overview of 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.