





# Restoration and Recovery: Health and Wellbeing Board update

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# Progress since the September update





The September update to the HWB Board set out the scope and governance of the Surrey Heartlands ICS Recovery Programme.

This update focuses on:

- An overview of our response to the NHS 'Phase 3 letter'
- Updates from two workstreams which have significant overlap with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy:
  - Emotional Wellbeing led by Fiona Edwards and Helen Rostill (also HWB strategy sponsor for Emotional wellbeing)
  - Equalities and Health Inequalities (formally known as 'Hidden Harm') led by Ruth Hutchinson and Trudy Mills
- · Learning from our Recovery work so far



## Phase 3 response





## Surrey Heartlands received strong Regional feedback on our 'Phase 3' plans

- Our Phase 3 plans, in line with national guidelines, set out how we will deliver care in several key areas:
  - Planned care, including Diagnostics and Cancer
  - Unplanned care
  - · Mental health, Learning disabilities and Austism
  - Workforce
- Our plans also went beyond national requirements to address priorities such as Primary care, Health inequalities and the Care sector which are key for our citizens and patients.
- Quality of care is embedded throughout our plans, for example:
  - Clinical prioritisation, e.g. of long waiters
  - Addressing health inequalities and access issues
  - Public engagement and communication strategies
  - 'No one left behind'
- Eurther detail on our Phase 3 response can be provided to HWB Board members on request.

### We are delivering on our Phase 3 plans, but there are significant challenges

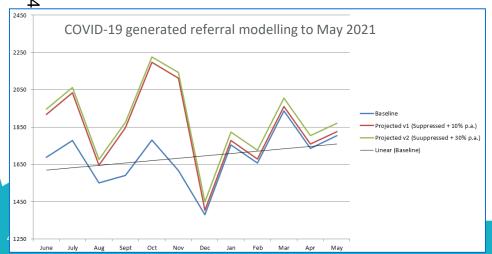
- We have planned on the basis of 'best possible' efforts, i.e. doing all we can do.
- Increased COVID cases and winter pressures present a significant risk, for example increased COVID admissions put pressure on our ability to delivery other services. At the time of writing, declaration of a 'Level 4' incident is expected imminently.
- Our aim is to continue to provide services throughout the winter. Local and national communications aim to reinforce the message that patients should continue to access the services they need.
- A key focus is restoring and maintaining elective services and bringing down the backlog created by the first lockdown.
- Patients who have been waiting for a long time have all been contacted to discuss their treatment.
- We are largely on track with our plans and are close to delivering pre-COVID levels of activity. Key current challenges are outpatients appointments and non-face to face follow ups. 104day cancer waits have been too high but are coming down.
- Utilisation of the Independent Sector is high in order to continue to deliver elective se



## **Emotional wellbeing**

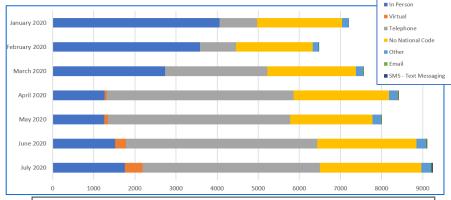
### We are now seeing the beginnings of surge for mental health

- By September, activity had reached pre-Covid levels, with a higher degree of acuity. We are seeing increases in:
  - Patients presenting in crisis who are not previously known to services & greater use of Mental Health Act Emergency Powers
  - Patients with autism presenting in inpatient services
  - Welfare calls and more safeguarding referrals due to domestic abuse
- Exacerbating health inequalities due to factors including the move to digital and lack of access to physical health checks
- Modelling suggests up to 30% pa increase in referrals concentrated Sep-Nov Gee below) which would further inflate case load
- Modelling is supported increasing crisis activity (top right) and bed requests bottom right) seen in recent months.

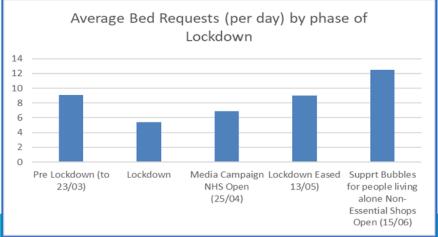








28% increase in Adult CMHRS contacts Jan-July 2020





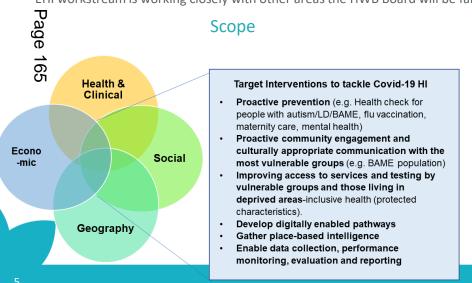
## Equalities and Health Inequalities

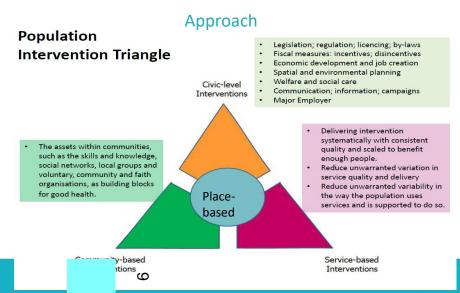




### The EHI workstream co-ordinates related work across Surrey Heartlands

- This workstream is still developing but is key to delivering on the wider aspects of our Recovery. It's objectives are to:
  - Gather the appropriate intelligence to identify groups at risk in a fast-evolving landscape
  - Mobilise resources to address gaps identified by the intelligence
  - Embed the response into business as usual across the system by identifying cross cutting targets with a robust evaluation and monitoring process to track progress.
- The EHI group brings together a number of important constituents elements which form the basis of effective place based working between the NHS, Local Authority and the Community sector. It aims to align the system vision and achieve measurable population level change to tackle health inequalities as a result of Covid – 19 between and within local geographies through a life course approach.
- EHI workstream is working closely with other areas the HWB Board will be familiar with, such as the Community Impact Assessment







# Learning so far





#### Restoration has moved on

- Original task was to identify which critical services needed to be stood up and to switch them back on
- Focus has now shifted to Phase 3 delivering those services in the best way we can over the next 6 months

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## Accountability and ownership

- System opportunities can lack resource/ownership/clarity of decisionmaking
- Clarifying which opportunities are owned at which level (ICS/ICP/org) is slow
- Opportunities which require system coordination but maintain on organisational ownership are easier
- National/regional requirements can muddy existing accountabilities, e.g. planned care in ICPs

# Key similarities and differences between Recovery priorities affect how we deliver them

- •Good progress where challenges have been urgent, shared problems
- •Some workstreams leverage existing BAU structures, others are starting from scratch
- Messy governance and/or lack of alignment of statutory powers can be a blocker
- Scale and nature of work varies by workstream
- Access to resource is a challenge

### Challenges are not uniform across Recovery...

- Clarity of scope
- Alignment with statutory powers
- Urgent challenges generate the will to fix them
- •Identifying and keeping resource has been a challenge in some areas

# Not all areas of Recovery felt the same permission to act

- Scope definition
- Pre-COVID buy-in, or lack of, in the system
- •Involvement of the CEO group

#### ... Nor are the opportunities

- Financial opportunities focused in Develop and Transform
- System opportunities require system working and that is still slow and hard
- Less urgent opportunities don't generate the will to fix them

Reflecting on our Statement of Ambition (see appendix): "meeting citizen and patient need" has been easier to progress than "resetting to a new service model" or "achieving financial sustainability" which will be needed to deliver in a sustainable way



Appendix: Statement of Ambition and Recovery





**Priorities** 

Our Statement of ambition provides the overall framing of all our Recovery work.

In such a broad programme, the Statement of ambition maintains focus on the 'main effort' and acknowledges upfront the need for difficult decisions.

Other aspects of our overall approach, from design principles to programme architecture, also flow in part from the agreed ambition.



## Statement of ambition

Recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic will mean delivering our recovery priorities at the same time as addressing pre-existing requirements on quality of care, operational performance and finance. In some cases there will be a tension between these priorities, e.g. balancing the release of capacity for routine elective care with retaining resilience for future waves of C19.

It is also clear that attempting to return to a pre-COVID 'normal' will fail, the pre-existing challenge in many areas has been multiplied by the effects of the pandemic. A new service model is required to succeed.

#### Our main effort is to:

 Meet the citizen and patient need caused by the pandemic, including the harm and safety challenges

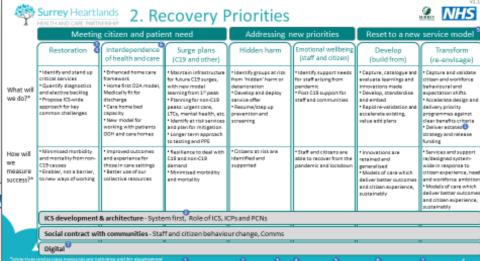
Which we will achieve by:

- · Resetting to a new service model; and
- · Achieving financial sustainability

To recover successfully we must take difficult decisions in the interests of our citizens, patients and staff, using our collective resources to improve the outcomes of the population we serve.

We expect this to result in difficult decisions and tradeoffs. Programmes, ways of working or other activities which do not contribute to the main effort may stop.

Our recovery must be a system recovery and more than just the sum of organisational recoveries.



Our Recovery priorities describe the areas we will focus our resources on, what we will do and how we know we have been successful. They are also the organising basis for our Recovery infrastructure, e.g. workstreams and leadership.

In early March, ICS leaders agreed 7 transformational objectives for Surrey Heartlands. Although our circumstances have changed since then, these objectives remain critical to delivery and have been mapped onto our Recovery priorities.

