

Name of meeting: Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Date: 19 August 2021

Title of report: Impact of COVID-19 on Kirklees Acute Hospital Trusts

Purpose of report: To provide members of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel with the context and background to the discussions on the impact of COVID-19 on Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust (CHFT) and Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust (MYHT).

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)</u> ?	Not Applicable
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Not Applicable
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance? Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	No – The report has been produced for information only and to facilitate the discussions with CHFT and MYHT.
Cabinet member portfolio	Health and Social Care

Electoral wards affected: None Specific

Ward councillors consulted: Not Applicable

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? Yes. The report does not include any personal data that identifies an individual.

1. Summary

- 1.1 The consequences of the pandemic have been felt by everyone and particularly for those people who work in the health and social care system. The pressure on frontline NHS staff has been unprecedented and many hospitals across the country have had to cope with significant increases in patients needing critical care support.
- 1.2 Many NHS staff have experienced a significant change in their work patterns and roles. Staff have also had to contend with the higher risk of exposure to infection which in some cases has resulted in isolation from family and friends.
- 1.3 These additional pressures have resulted in some staff experiencing high levels of distress and the true impact on the mental health and wellbeing of healthcare staff is still emerging.
- 1.4 Covid-19 has had a significant impact on core NHS services. During the peaks of the pandemic the NHS had to shut or significantly reduce many areas of Non-Covid care, and this combined with fewer patients seeking care during the lockdown periods resulted in a substantial drop in elective procedures.
- 1.5 The resulting backlog of planned surgery is a major concern for the NHS. The task of clearing the backlog will be a major challenge and will not only require additional resources and greater capacity but also an increased focus on changing the way that some services are delivered.
- 1.6 In line with the Panel's wish to maintain a close overview of the impact of COVID-19 on the local Health and Adult Social Care system representatives from Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust and Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust will be in attendance to provide details of the impact that the pandemic has had on their services.
- 1.7 Areas that the Trusts will cover will include:
 - impact on the workforce.
 - workforce support and wellbeing.
 - capacity to deliver services.
 - impact on planned surgery including plans to deal with the backlog.
 - Lessons learned.
- 1.8 Representatives from Healthwatch Kirklees will also be in attendance to help inform the discussions.
- 1.9 Information submitted by the trusts is attached.

2. Information required to take a decision

N/A

3. Implications for the Council

N/A

3.1 Working with People

No specific implications

3.2 Working with Partners

No specific implications

3.3 Place Based Working

No specific implications

3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

No specific implications

3.5 Improving outcomes for children

No specific implications

3.6 Other (e.g. Legal/Financial or Human Resources)

No specific implications

4 Consultees and their opinions

Not applicable

5 Next steps and timelines

That the Overview and Scrutiny Panel for Health and Adult Social Care takes account of the information presented and considers the next steps it wishes to take.

6 Officer recommendations and reasons

That the Panel considers the information provided and determines if any further information or action is required.

7 Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

Not applicable

8 Contact officer:

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9 Background Papers and History of Decisions

Not applicable

10 Service Director responsible

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