

Name of meeting: Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Date: 7 October 2021

Title of report: Winter Pressures 2021/22

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 work that is taking place across the Kirklees health and adult social care system on winter planning.

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 on winter planning 2021/22.
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 Health and adult social care services are always under considerable pressure over the winter period as demand for services tends to increase significantly with the onset of cold weather.
- 1.2 Following the easing of covid restrictions earlier this year we will be heading into the winter months where social mixing and contact has predominately returned to pre-pandemic levels. This will mean that winter 2021/22 will be the first winter where covid-19 will be circulating alongside other respiratory viruses such as flu.
- 1.3 The exact magnitude and impact of potential increases in covid infections and other respiratory viruses is uncertain. However, what is clear is the need to have robust plans in place to manage these additional pressures, minimise the impact on patients and support health and adult social care staff.
- 1.4 Representatives from organisations across the Kirklees health and adult social care system will be in attendance to outline the work that is being done to prepare for the winter period 2021/22.
- 1.5 A PowerPoint information pack which provides an overview of the whole system approach to supporting the residents of Kirklees through winter 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**
Julie Muscroft – Service Director, Legal, Governance and Commissioning