

Report to: East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of meeting: 8 December 2020

By: Head of System Resilience - Sussex CCGs

Title: Sussex Health and Care Partnership Winter Planning update

Purpose: To provide an update on progress to date in relation to winter planning.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended consider and comment on the status of the Sussex Health and Care Partnership Winter Plan 2020-21.

1 Background

- 1.1 Winter planning is a statutory annual requirement to ensure that the local system has sufficient plans in place to manage the increased activity during the winter period.
- 1.2 The winter plan for the East Sussex system was jointly developed by local system health and social care partners via the Local A&E Delivery Board and was submitted to NHS England and Improvement (NHSE/I) in October.
- 1.3 As part of winter planning this year, detailed demand and capacity modelling was undertaken to ensure appropriate response to predicted surge this winter which includes predicted additional Covid-19 activity.
- 1.4 The winter planning process identified key schemes to mitigate risks associated with increased surge; building upon previous learning from winter 2019/20 and Covid-19 wave one management.
- 1.5 An overview of the winter plan and development process was presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2020; this update report sets out the feedback from NHSE/I and provides assurance that the system has plans in place for the winter period.

2. Supporting information

- 2.1 Following review of the winter plans at an Integrated Care System (ICS) level - through the Sussex Health and Care Partnership (SHCP) - and by NHS England and NHS Improvement, the East Sussex plan was further developed in line with feedback received.
- 2.2 The key area of development for the second submission was development of the acute Discharge Hub and actions to reduce the time patients spend waiting to be discharged from hospital.
- 2.3 Key positive feedback of note for the SHCP plan following the first submission was the development of an integrated escalation framework and winter operating model.
- 2.4 Final feedback from NHSE/I was overwhelmingly positive, with no further areas of clarification identified.
- 2.5 Work is now underway to monitor delivery of the winter plan and mitigate any further risk as required to manage pressure over the winter months.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 The East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to consider and comment on the SHCP Winter Plan 2020-21 update.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None