

<b>Report To:</b>	Governing Body Meetings in Common
<b>Report Title:</b>	Joint CCG Chair's Report – May 2020
<b>Report From:</b>	Sharon Beamish – Chair of NHS Warwickshire North CCG Sarah Raistrick – Chair of NHS Coventry & Rugby CCG
<b>Date:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
<b>Previously Considered by:</b>	N/A

<b>Action Required</b> ( <i>delete as appropriate</i> )						
<b>Decision:</b>		<b>Assurance:</b>		<b>Information:</b>	✓	<b>Confidential</b>

<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>
To advise the Governing Bodies of activity since the March 2020 meeting of the Governing Bodies.
<b>Key Points:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covid-19 Pandemic</li> <li>• Recruitment and Retention</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendation:</b>
Members of both Governing Bodies are requested to <b>NOTE</b> the report.

<b>Implications</b>						
<b>Objective(s) / Plans supported by this report:</b>	Governance of the CCG.					
<b>Conflicts of Interest:</b>	Not applicable					
<b>Financial:</b>	<b>Non-Recurrent Expenditure:</b>	Not applicable				
	<b>Recurrent Expenditure:</b>	Not applicable				
	<b>Is this expenditure included within the CCG's Financial Plan? (Delete as appropriate)</b>	Yes		No		N/A
<b>Performance:</b>	Not applicable					
<b>Quality and Safety:</b>	Not applicable					
<b>Equality and Diversity:</b>	<b>General Statement:</b> The CCG is committed to fulfil its obligations under the Equality Act 2010, and to ensure services commissioned by the CCG are non-discriminatory on the grounds of any protected characteristics. Policies/decisions may need to be adjusted in line with any equality analysis or due regard. Any decision that is finalised without being influenced by appropriate due regard could be deemed unlawful.					
	<b>Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?</b>	Yes (attached)		No		N/A

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<b>Patient and Public Engagement:</b>	Not applicable						
<b>Clinical Engagement:</b>	Not applicable						
<b>Risk and Assurance:</b>	Assurance Framework Risks – AF9						

## **Covid-19 Pandemic**

The arrival of Covid-19 had a significant impact on the working arrangements for staff and the Governing Bodies and we would like to thank everyone for the tremendous response and flexibility shown within a fast moving timeframe which was impressive. We have experienced an unprecedented pace of change in the way we have transformed healthcare locally through embracing technology at a time when many of our staff return to front line clinical practice across Coventry & Warwickshire and beyond with some volunteering to work within the Nightingale Hospital Birmingham.

Our contribution to ensuring that Covid-19 surge capacity would be sufficient to meet anticipated demand was consistently met and demonstrates what can be achieved when partners, health and Local Authority, across Coventry & Warwickshire work together for the same aim. The benefits achieved during this period have been immense and there should be **no turning back**. We have discussed at length the growing trends over recent years in the number of people attending Accident and Emergency Departments and hospital admissions. A number of initiatives have been deployed to reduce this trend with a minimum impact and we should take this opportunity harness our approach through the pandemic to continue the pace of change and improvement. An initial review comparing Accident and Emergency attendances during late March 2019 and March 2020 shows a significant reduction, around fifty percent. Most noticeable was the reduction of children presenting at A&E and adults with conditions such as coronary heart disease and stroke. This reflects the national trend and communication campaigns have taken place to inform the general public that the NHS is still accessible for urgent treatment and care for non Covid-19 conditions.

At the appropriate time the Clinical Quality & Governance Committees in Common will review what happened, the benefits identified from the new ways of working and potential risks to provide assurance to the Governing Bodies that lessons have been learnt and reflected in local policies and practice.

Sir Simon Stevens, NHS Chief Executive, set out in his letter of 29 April 2020 the priorities for the second stage of dealing with Covid-19 focused on restoration of urgent services beyond Covid-19 capacity. The system plan will be developed through the Partnership Executive Group for Coventry & Warwickshire and the Governing Bodies will receive progress reports from the Accountable Officer.

We will continue to respond to national policy and contribute to the execution of the local response. For Warwickshire North CCG we would like to say a massive thank you to Dr Imogen Staveley, Deputy Chair, WNCCG for her clinical leadership role working alongside the Coventry CCG Chair and GP representatives from South Warwickshire, and to all our GP clinical leads who in various forms have led on Hot Hub set-up and integration work with secondary care and communication with the public and primary care colleagues.

## **Recruitment and Retention**

During a time of constant change, we are pleased to confirm that we are able to maintain a level of consistency in the Governing Bodies' membership and executive leadership. We have agreed to extend Adrian Stokes, Interim Accountable Officer current contract until March 2021 or until the appointment of a substantive Accountable Officer if that were to be sooner, and Sue Turner, Elected Practice Network Lead will also remain a Governing Body member (WN) until March 2021. We are currently out to advert for a new GP Clinical Lead (CR).

Following the mandate from Practice Members to progress a programme of work to merge the three CCGs across Coventry & Warwickshire the next step is to progress the recruitment of a single Accountable Officer for all three CCGs to lead us through the transitional period into the authorisation of a new single CCG. This process has been delayed due to Covid-19 pandemic but we are now in a

position to be able to communicate the process and timeline for this appointment to our Practice Members shortly.

Welcome to Gemma Nistorica-David, Lay Member for Public & Patient Involvement to her first Governing Body meeting. She will be representing both CCGs. Gemma qualified as a social worker and will provide valuable insight from her experience of working with children, young people and adults affected by disability. She is passionate about supporting her local community and keen to build on her experience as an advocate for the voices not always prominent in the Governing Bodies discussions.