

Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership

Update Report

March 2020

The meeting of the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership Executive Group that was scheduled to take place on 11th March was cancelled due to the significant pressures upon system leaders and the need for colleagues to re-focus their efforts onto responding to the evolving COVID-19 situation. This report provides a brief update on recent developments and also sets out how the Partnership is supporting the response to COVID-19 across Humber, Coast and Vale.

A full list of our priorities and further information about the work of the Partnership can be found on our website at www.humbercoastandvale.org.uk.

Independent Chair's Report

Since the last Partnership Update Report, the COVID-19 situation has developed rapidly and has required all partner organisations to work swiftly and collaboratively to plan and manage our response across Humber, Coast and Vale.

Across Humber, Coast and Vale colleagues are putting in tremendous effort, going above and beyond to respond to the current situation. In addition to working together to battle COVID-19, partners across HCV are also working to ensure other essential business, such as routine cancer care, maternity services and other important health services, can continue. Throughout the coming weeks and months we also want to ensure we are taking every opportunity to transform systems and services for the greater good of the people and communities we serve.

In order to support the collective response to COVID-19 within Humber, Coast and Vale, a weekly **Strategic Health Co-ordinating Group** has been established. This group brings together the membership of the existing Local Health Resilience Partnerships (LHRPs) for the Humber and North Yorkshire areas. It provides a forum for leaders to escalate important issues and coordinate any strategic actions that will have an impact across the Humber, Coast and Vale system. The Strategic Health Coordinating Group will work in close partnership with our existing Local Resilience Forums (LRFs) in Humber and North Yorkshire and link to regional and national incident control centres. In addition, key members of the Partnership Executive Group will continue to meet regularly, forming a core leadership team taking responsibility for supporting and linking in with regional networks and ensuring our efforts are coordinated across Humber, Coast and Vale.

The work that is being undertaken through the Partnership has also had to adapt to these new and rapidly changing circumstances. As a Partnership Team, we have reviewed our priorities to identify where we can redirect resources to support the frontline, accelerate those things that



add value and slow down and/or stop those things that don't. There are a number of important transformation programmes that are being accelerated due to their direct benefit to the COVID-19 response. This includes the Outpatient Transformation Programme, in particular, the rollout of virtual outpatient clinics to enable care to continue to be provided to patients without the need for them to attend hospital. In addition, work through our Mental Health Programme has been accelerated to ensure that the online counselling service Kooth will be available across all of Humber, Coast and Vale from 1st April 2020, providing much-needed support for children and young people in our area. We will continue to keep our priorities under review as we respond to the changing landscape. In addition, we are working to ensure we maintain a focus on the longer term future of our health and care system and put in place systems to ensure we do not lose the benefits of the rapid transformation that is currently underway.

Now, more than ever, we must lean on the strength of our partnerships to ensure we can continue to mount the most coordinated and joined-up response.

Further information

All of the latest information about COVID-19 is hosted on the following websites, which are updated regularly:

- Information for the public (health advice): www.nhs.uk/coronavirus
- Information for healthcare professionals: www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus
- Broader information and guidance for everyone including travel advice, info for businesses and employers: www.gov.uk/coronavirus