



Report to the Council of Governors
held on 13 June 2024

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Purpose of the report

To provide in summary an update on system partnership working arrangements within the Trust's core partnerships for February, March, April and May 2024.

Key Points

The report(s) provides a summary on the engagement activities and meetings related to the following core partnerships:

- Sheffield Health and Care Partnership
- South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Acute Federation
- NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (SY ICB)

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Recommendations

The Council of Governors is asked to **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the update provided and respond to any specific points raised within the report.

Approval Process

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A summary assurance report is also presented to the meeting today (item 15.6 (Paper Lvi)).

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Chief Executive Report

Integrated Care Board Meeting

6 March 2024

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No	
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No	
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No	

Chief Executive Report

Integrated Care Board Meeting

6 March 2024

1. Purpose

This paper provides an update from the Chief Executive of NHS South Yorkshire on the work of the ICB and system partners for January and February 2024.

2. Integrated Care System Update

2.1 Integrated Care Partnership Board meeting.

The January 2024 Integrated Care Partnership meeting again focussed on employment and the relationship between work and health. We heard about a programme called Employment is for Everyone, which aims to improve employment opportunities for autistic people and people with a learning disability. At the meeting, colleagues described how only 5% of South Yorkshire's learning disability community of working age are in employment, for people with autism its about 25% however for the rest of the population this is well over 70%. The aim is to work with public and private employers to close this gap. This will require around 5,000 people with learning disability or autism to be supported into work over the next five years and the programme aims to achieve this.

In addition, at a previous ICP Board meeting colleagues at Barnsley MBC presented their Pathways to Work Commission. This aims to support people who are economically inactive back into work, particularly those with health conditions themselves or with caring responsibilities. There was an opportunity for NHS and other health partners to contribute to this through a special Health session at the beginning of February 2024, led by the Rt. Hon. Alan Milburn and Dame Carol Black. There was a discussion about areas of national policy that could help support this aim and what can be achieved locally in South Yorkshire. We now await the outcome of the Commission and how this can be used across South Yorkshire to increase economic participation and the benefits to the health and care system, as well as the health and wellbeing of our communities.

2.2 Financial position

Despite the challenging financial environment this year the position of the NHS in South Yorkshire has stabilised over the last couple of months. The system is currently £42.9m overspent against its plan and is forecasting a year end deficit of £48.6m. This is a marginal improvement against the plan re-submitted in November which forecast a year end deficit of £54.5m against our total annual expenditure of £3.1bn. The ICB is continuing to work with local NHS organisations to improve this position if possible. In addition, the ICB is developing the 2024/25 financial plan with NHS provider organisations, our place partnerships and cross-South Yorkshire provider collaboratives and alliances.

2.3 Industrial action

Junior Doctors have not agreed a settlement with the Government and at the time of writing their mandate for further action is due to end at the end of February 2024, the BMA intends to ask members to extend the mandate for a further six months. The most recent action ran for five days between Saturday 24 February and Thursday 29 February 2024 and was supported by doctors in training who are members of the British Medical Association (BMA) and members of the Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association (HCSA).

Consultant members of the BMA narrowly rejected the Government pay offer. However, the BMA has called for the reopening of talks, given the closeness of the vote it's hoped that there is still potential to reach an agreement.

The NHS in South Yorkshire has continued to maintain urgent and emergency care, as well as some planned treatment and appointments where possible during industrial action. The South Yorkshire ICB has continued to provide support through its Incident Co-ordination Centre, which has operated at all times during industrial action in line with our Category 1 responder status.

2.4 Director of Performance and Delivery

NHS South Yorkshire has appointed Sarah Perkins as its new Director of Performance and Delivery following a competitive process. Sarah will lead the new Performance and Delivery function within the ICB following the transfer of the former Locality Team from NHS England in December. Sarah is currently Interim Chief Executive of Wythenshawe, Trafford, Withington, and Altrincham (WTWA) for Manchester University Foundation Trust. During her five years at Manchester University Foundation Trust Sarah has made a significant contribution to the Trust and has worked hard to improve services for patients.

2.5 Mexborough Elective Orthopaedic Centre

The first patients have now been treated at the Mexborough Elective Orthopaedic Centre. The orthopaedic centre specialises in hip and knee replacement and other operations, including hand and foot, and knee and elbow procedures, for residents within Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham areas. It comprises two state-of-the-art theatre units, two anaesthetic rooms and a recovery suite, in addition to 12 inpatient beds.

The centre will treat 40 patients per week until mid-2024, when this is expanded to 64 patients a week across six days. In the first year of operation it is anticipated the centre will undertake around 2,200 orthopaedic procedures, equating to about 40% of the current orthopaedic waiting list. The collaboration between the three hospital trusts in Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham, is already starting to receive national recognition with NHS leaders keen to see how the facility works.

3. NHS South Yorkshire

3.1 NHS England ICB Running Costs Allowance (RCA)

The Integrated Care Board is concluding a restructuring programme in response to a nationally mandated 30% reduction of its running costs allowance. A limited voluntary redundancy scheme has seen 11 staff leave the ICB and we are currently supporting a number of colleagues at risk of redundancy in applying for existing vacancies. This process will conclude by the end of the financial year. In addition, whilst we are retaining a base in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield reflecting the importance of local relationships, we are planning to reduce our estates

costs by co-locating with public sector partners in some of our Places which will make a significant financial saving and has helped to minimise staffing reductions.

3.2 Pharmacy First

NHS South Yorkshire has welcomed the national launch of the Pharmacy First service. The service means patients can now receive direct treatment for seven common conditions directly at participating pharmacies, including the prescription of medicines without visiting a GP. Pharmacists have always been able to give advice and signpost to the best place to access care, but Pharmacy First means they give treatment themselves. In South Yorkshire over 95% of pharmacies have signed up to be part of the new service. The expectation is that it will help to make it easier for people to get the care they need and free up GP appointments for others.

3.3 NHS Dental Recovery Plan

The NHS Dental Recovery Plan was announced on 7 February 2024 with a key focus on improving access to NHS dentistry for local people. The ICB took delegated responsibility for commissioning dental services in July 2023 had have already engaged closely with local practices. We welcome this national plan which provides a framework for further improvement and will provide a full update on our response at today's public Board meeting.

3.4 Measles

Parents and carers in South Yorkshire are being urged to book their children in for their missed measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine as part of a new drive to protect children from becoming seriously unwell, as measles cases rise across the country. The NHS campaign will see all parents of children aged from six to 11 years contacted encouraging them to make an appointment with their child's GP practice for their missed MMR vaccine. Last year the NHS sent texts, emails and letters to parents and carers of 1-5-year-olds who were unvaccinated and thanks to those efforts, around 10% of those children received an MMR vaccine.

Measles is not just a childhood disease and can be serious at any age. If caught during pregnancy it can be very serious causing stillbirth, miscarriage and low birth weight and NHS bosses are urging young adults to catch up on any missed doses before thinking about starting a family. Two doses of the safe and effective MMR vaccine are needed for maximum life-long protection, with the first dose given around the child's first birthday, and the second dose given at around three years and four months old.

3.5 Start with People Strategy

NHS South Yorkshire is encouraging partners and our wider communities to help refresh our 'Start with People: South Yorkshire' strategy, which was launched in July 2022 when NHS South Yorkshire was created. The strategy outlines how we listen to our communities and involve them in the way we provide NHS and care services.

Since 2022 when the initial strategy was launched a lot has changed in health and care. We have since engaged on the Integrated Care Partnership strategy and the Five-Year Joint Forward Plan. From those involvement exercises our communities told us that the three most important area to focus on were:

- Awareness – the need for more information about health prevention and availability of different health and social care services.
- Access – making it easy for people to access health and social care services and removing barriers
- Agency – enabling people to have the information, tools and capacity to make informed decisions and be in control of their lives

The ‘Start with People: South Yorkshire’ strategy is being developed through until March 2024.

3.6 National GP Leadership Event

I’m delighted that Dr Andy Hilton Chair of the SY Primary Care Alliance attended the first national GP leadership in London on 31 January 2024 on behalf SY ICB Primary Care Provider Alliance. The meeting brought together GP leaders from each of the 42 systems representing general practice as a provider. There will be subsequent leadership events for dentists, pharmacists, nurse and ARRS roles with regional events in the Summer bringing the collective primary care leaders together. The event was opened by NHSE Chair Richard Meddings, with keynote from Navina Evans, Chief Workforce Officer, NHSE on the long-term workforce plan. The group will reconvene in person in the autumn but will have subsequent virtual sessions in the interim potentially discussing primary care provider collaboration, continuity of care, leadership development.

4. NHS South Yorkshire Place Updates

4.1 Sheffield

Sheffield held its first Inclusion Health Summit in January attended by nearly 50 people, spanning a range of strategic and operational services, with expertise, knowledge and lived experience. Dr Bola Owolabi, Director of Health Inequalities at NHS England, was the guest speaker and set the scene on why Inclusion Health matters and its importance across health and care. A further two summits are being planned in Sheffield in February and March, at the end of which a long-term action plan will be agreed for the city.

4.2 Doncaster

A major investment in robotic surgery has been announced at Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals. The Trust’s charity will fund a £3.6 million Intuitive Da Vinci Xi surgical robot to deliver cancer surgery. The state-of-the-art surgical robot will transform the way DBTH performs cancer surgery for colorectal cancer patients. The surgeon operated camera and robotic arms are controlled from a console using an advanced set of instruments for a minimally invasive surgery. This procedure allows for greater precision than traditional laparoscopic (also known as ‘keyhole’) or open surgery. One surgeon is already fully trained and a further three are due to begin training next month, with all four colorectal surgeons able to operate independently on the machine within six months.

4.3 Rotherham

The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust have reopened the hospital's refurbished neonatal unit. Launched in September 2023, the Tiny Toes appeal aimed to raise £150,000 for a comprehensive redevelopment of the neonatal unit, ensuring that the facilities align with the exceptional care provided by hospital staff. The unit refurbishment includes enhanced heating, lighting, and accessibility accommodation for up to 16 babies at a time.

4.4 Barnsley

Barnsley Council have launched a new breastfeeding campaign so that parents feel like they can breastfeed anytime, anywhere. Data relating to breastfeeding rates in Barnsley from 2022/23 show that by 6-8 weeks, only 33% of mums are continuing to breastfeed, a 28% decrease from the 61% that initially started. The most common factors cited in stopping breastfeeding include feelings of nervousness and anxiety around breastfeeding in public. South Yorkshire has a wider focus through its Maternity Services Five Year Plan, which aims to support the 16,000 babies born in the area each year.

5. General Updates

5.1 Smoking consultation

In South Yorkshire there are at least 16,000 hospital admissions due to smoking each year, and smoking takes the lives of 5,900 people every year from our communities. In addition, Smokers are 2.5 times more likely to need social care and on average will need care 10 years earlier than non-smokers. There are also estimates that suggest there are around 11,000 people out of work due to smoking in South Yorkshire.

The Government consultation aimed at creating a smoke-free generation was announced in October 2024 and since then more than 28,000 responses were submitted, including from NHS South Yorkshire and many of its partners. The government will now bring forward legislation at the earliest opportunity that will take measures to:

- change the age of sale for all tobacco products, cigarette papers and herbal smoking products whereby anyone born on or after 1 January 2009 will never legally be sold tobacco products alongside prohibiting proxy sales, and change warning notices
- introduce regulation making powers to restrict flavours, point of sale and packaging for vaping products (nicotine and non-nicotine) as well as other consumer nicotine products
- introduce new FPNs for England and Wales with a penalty of £100 where it is believed an offence has been committed in relation to age of sale and free distribution legislation for tobacco and vapes (nicotine and non-nicotine) and regulate to extend these provisions to other consumer nicotine products

NHS SY has written to elected representatives to ask them to support the measures and will continue to demonstrate our support for this important legislation.

5.2 South Yorkshire Digital Health Hub

Google has announced investment in ground-breaking research, apprenticeships and digital skills training through the South Yorkshire Digital Health Hub to help address health inequalities and drive economic growth across the region. The £4m South Yorkshire Digital Health Hub, which Sheffield Teaching Hospitals is a lead partner in with University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University aims to improve peoples' health and quality of life by creating innovative digital technologies to improve the way diseases are diagnosed and treated.

As part of this, the South Yorkshire Digital Health Hub will work with Google on a series of pioneering research opportunities. The first in a series of pioneering studies will assess if smartphone sensors could aid the detection and prevention of illnesses. Professor Chico, Honorary Consultant Cardiologist, says the research could improve health outcomes and look at how technology can be harnessed to support information gathering.

Google has also announced a three-year partnership with the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority to fund 30 digital apprenticeships for small businesses in South Yorkshire.

5.3 Race Equality #CallMyNameRight

Staff across the NHS and care in South Yorkshire are encouraging colleagues to “call my name right”. Nearly 14% of NHS staff are non-UK nationals and many will have their name mispronounced on a daily basis or feel pressure to adopt an anglicized version. This represents more than 10,000 people working in health and care in South Yorkshire, as well as many other British colleagues whose names are regularly pronounced incorrectly. Using the correct pronunciation not only improves the working lives of valued colleagues, it can also prevent confusion between colleagues and even potentially reduce mistakes and errors. The campaign was launched as part of Race Equality Week, which ran from 5-11 February 2024, and was supported by Dr Rajeev Gupta, the Consultant Paediatrician who started the campaign, and Vivienne Williams, Chair of the ICB Race Network.

5.4 LGBT+ History month

Staff from across the Integrated Care System has been supporting LGBT+ History Month throughout February 2024. The month-long annual celebration is celebrated in February each year to coincide with the 2003 abolition of Section 28. Events to mark the celebration included history and literature sessions in Sheffield Central Library as well as performances, walking tours and discussion events across South Yorkshire.

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Appendices	
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This paper provides an update from the Chief Executive of NHS South Yorkshire on the work of the ICB and system partners for March and April 2024. Part of this period is covered by the Pre-election Period ahead of the elections on Thursday 2 May 2024, and the content of the paper reflects that.

2. Integrated Care System Update

2.1 Integrated Care Partnership Board meeting.

The March 2024 Integrated Care Partnership meeting discussed the Safe Space to Sleep Programme. South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority has approved £2.2m for the programme and this will be directed to trusted voluntary organisations to deliver a bed and bedding to any family with a child aged between 0-5 following a referral.

There will also be four test-and-learn pilots in Goldthorpe, Mexborough, Swinton and Gleadless, and these will help build a detailed evidence base of what works at a community level. This is a great example of a problem, which doesn't necessarily fit within the remit of a single organisation, being tackled by a wide range of organisations. NHS South Yorkshire will continue to align its work with the wider work of the ICP and organisations in South Yorkshire.

2.2 Year End performance

2.2.1 Service Delivery

NHS South Yorkshire achieved a positive year end position on key national performance standards.

The system delivered the requirement to ensure no patients were waiting longer than 78 weeks for planned treatment at the end of March with the exception of a small number of highly specialised cases for example those waiting for corneal grafts where donor tissue was not available.

Urgent and emergency care has continued to be a significant priority and we've worked hard to meet the national requirement that no one should wait more than four hours in an Emergency Department to be treated and either discharged or admitted. We achieved 74.3% against the revised target of 76% which was better than the national average. South Yorkshire was one of the most improved systems nationally. This required a 'whole system' approach with all partners in community, primary care, ambulance services, acute hospitals, mental health, social care, primary care and

beyond working together and the South Yorkshire UEC Alliance and our local partnerships in the four places have enabled this.

For those needing cancer treatment we have reduced the numbers waiting more than 62 days for initial treatment following referral to pre-pandemic levels. Again, this is a collective effort, and our South Yorkshire Cancer Alliance and wider partners will continue to work together improve the care those who need a cancer referral, diagnostic test or treatment receive.

We have also seen a reduction in the numbers of people requiring a mental health admission to hospital needing to be cared for outside of the local area. This has been achieved by reducing demand for admission through more responsive community services and improving access to local inpatient capacity when required.

Good progress has also been made in improving access to primary care in response to the national Primary Care Access Recovery Plan.

2.2.2 Finance

South Yorkshire ICB commissions and provides approximately £3bn of NHS services. However, 2023/24 has proven to be a particularly challenging year from a financial and operational perspective including the impact of frequent periods of industrial action. The budget across the NHS in South Yorkshire was exceeded by about 1.5% with a year-end deficit of £48.3m. Although disappointing this was an improvement on the mid-year forecast agreed with NHS England.

The ICB has been working with local NHS organisations, place partnerships and cross-South Yorkshire provider collaboratives and alliances, ahead of and since the publication of the NHS planning guidance released in March, to develop the 2024/25 operational and financial plan.

2.3 Industrial action

NHS consultants have accepted a new pay deal, having rejected a previous offer to avoid further industrial action. However, Junior doctors have voted in favour of extending their mandate for industrial action for another six months, meaning that they can now take industrial action up to 19 September 2024 although no new dates have been set at this point..

GPs in England are to consider their next steps, with more than 19,000 GPs and GP registrars nationally taking part in the BMA's referendum, voting 'no' when asked if they accepted the new contract for the service. Given the independent nature of GP practices are unlikely to take strike action but may consider working to the letter of the contract.

The NHS in South Yorkshire is continuing to maintain its plans for urgent and emergency care, as well as some planned treatment and appointments where possible, should further industrial action take place. The South Yorkshire ICB has continued to provide support through its Incident Co-ordination Centre, which has

operated at all times during industrial action in line with our Category 1 responder status.

2.4 NHS Planning Guidance

The 'Priorities and operational planning guidance 2024/25' was released just before the end of the financial year. This was a change from previous years where the guidance was traditionally released before the end of the calendar year. The overall priority within the guidance in 2024/25 remains the recovery of core services and productivity following the pandemic. This focusses on six main areas:

- Patient safety: maintain our collective focus on the overall quality and safety of our services, particularly maternity and neonatal services, and reduce inequalities in line with the Core20PLUS5 approach.
- Urgent and Emergency care: improve ambulance response and A&E waiting times by supporting admissions avoidance and hospital discharge, and maintaining the increased acute bed and ambulance service capacity that systems and individual providers committed to put in place for the final quarter of 2023/24
- Waiting times: reduce elective long waits and improve performance against the core cancer and diagnostic standards.
- Primary care access: make it easier for people to access community and primary care services, particularly general practice and dentistry.
- Mental health: improve access to mental health services so that more people of all ages receive the treatment they need.
- Staff recruitment and retention: improve staff experience, retention and attendance.

The detailed guidance focusses on 12 areas, ranging from Urgent and Emergency care and Primary and Community services, through to workforce and use of resources. Within these 12 areas there are 32 detailed objectives. The detailed objectives include:

- Improve A&E waiting times, compared to 2023/24, with a minimum of 78% of patients seen within 4 hours in March 2025
- Ensure that everyone who needs an appointment with their GP practice gets one within 2 weeks and those who contact their practice urgently are assessed the same or next day according to clinical need.
- Eliminate waits of over 65 weeks for elective care as soon as possible and by September 2024 at the latest.
- Improve performance against the headline 62-day standard to 70% by March 2025
- Increase the percentage of patients that receive a diagnostic test within six weeks in line with the March 2025 ambition of 95%
- Establish and develop at least one women's health hub in every ICB by December 2024, working in partnership with local authorities.
- Increase the number of adults and older adults completing a course of treatment for anxiety and depression, with at least 67% achieving reliable improvement and 48% reliable recovery.

NHS South Yorkshire has been working in anticipation of this planning guidance and plans are being developed to meet these objectives.

2.5 Alhambra Shopping centre

NHS South Yorkshire is working with Barnsley Hospital, Barnsley Council, South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority to transform some parts of the Alhambra Shopping Centre in Barnsley into a health and wellbeing hub for the community.

This follows the announcement in September 2023 that Barnsley Council had purchased the leasehold of the shopping centre. The new health and wellbeing hub will expand the range of services and facilities available at the Alhambra Shopping Centre.

Barnsley Hospital is planning to move some of its outpatient services out of the hospital into the new hub at the Alhambra. This will help reduce missed appointments and help improve health outcomes for people who will be more able to access vital services in a place familiar to them rather than having to go to hospital.

It's estimated more than 100,000 visits a year could be made to the Alhambra instead of Barnsley Hospital, reducing traffic and pressure on parking in the area around the hospital, while also bringing more visitors and economic benefit into our thriving town centre.

2.6 CQC ratings

Following an inspection last year, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals' Care Quality Commission (CQC) rating has been adjusted from 'Good' to 'Requires Improvement'. The CQC did recognise a number of areas of quality care and practice at the Trust and continues to be rated 'Good' for caring.

As part of the process, inspectors from the CQC visited the Trust in August and October 2023, during a period of industrial action, and assessed whether the Trust's services were safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led across the four core services of Urgent and Emergency Care, Surgery, Medicine, Diagnostics and Maternity Services.

Since the unannounced inspection more than six months ago, the Trust has made significant progress, and the organisation's most recent Staff Survey results have shown positive changes, with 94% of responses indicating improvements in staff experiences compared to last year.

The change in rating brings the Trust into line with most other providers in South Yorkshire, and the national trend of trusts moving from Good to Requires Improvement. In South Yorkshire, Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust remain Good.

3. NHS South Yorkshire

3.1 NHS England ICB Running Costs Allowance (RCA)

The ICB is close to concluding its restructuring programme in response to a nationally mandated 30% reduction of its running costs allowance. A limited voluntary redundancy scheme saw 11 staff leave and a similar number of colleagues will leave through compulsory redundancy subject to NHS England approval.

Our first estate move took place on Monday 8 April 2024 with the Sheffield location moving to Eyre Street to co-locate with South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, which will contribute a significant financial saving. Further plans for relocating Barnsley and Rotherham offices with local authority partners are close to completion and the previous Rotherham base has now closed prior to the move into Riverside House. The Doncaster estate has already been consolidated from two buildings into one.

3.2 Joint Forward Plan

The updated Joint Forward Plan for South Yorkshire for 2024/25 has now been published. Like last year it has been shaped by the views of our communities through their involvement, as well as health and care partners. It has also been shared with each of our Health and Wellbeing Boards and our South Yorkshire Integrated Care Partnership. Given the initial plan was only published last year, there are no major changes to the refreshed plan. However, there has been:

- A refreshed summary of our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) including updated data and information on women's health, men's health and end of life care.
- The inclusion of developing plans to address women's health issues
- Strengthened plans to further develop collaborative tobacco control work across South Yorkshire, including an expanded communication campaign
- Updated case studies, a stroke campaign in Barnsley and confirmation of the opening date for Sheffield Elective Orthopaedic Centre and the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre.
- Strengthened plans to improve palliative and end of life care through delivery of our Palliative and End of Life Care Strategy and underpinning action plans.

The full plan can be accessed [here](#).

3.3 NHS booking system open for spring Covid-19 vaccinations

People in South Yorkshire aged 75 or over, and children and adults with a weakened immune system, can now book their spring Covid-19 vaccine to get protection from the risk of serious illness.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) have advised that the eligible cohorts include adults aged 75 years and over, residents in care homes for older adults and individuals aged six months and over who are immunosuppressed. The vaccinations started in late April 2024 and will be available until 30 June 2024.

3.4 Start with People Strategy

NHS South Yorkshire has worked with partners and our wider communities to help refresh our 'Start with People: South Yorkshire' strategy, which was initially launched in July 2022 when NHS South Yorkshire was created. The strategy outlines how we listen to our communities, especially those who are often underserved, and involve them in the way we provide NHS and care services. The strategy is also informed by the Integrated Care Partnership strategy and the Five-Year Joint Forward Plan, both of which were created with involvement from our communities. The final strategy will be published this summer.

4. NHS South Yorkshire Place Updates

4.1 Sheffield

The NHS has opened a new gambling clinic in Sheffield. The clinic will meet the growing demand for services and means that the NHS has now almost doubled the number of specialist clinics available. The Sheffield clinic, which joins existing problem gambling services in 14 other national locations, will treat patients over the age of 13, with each centre treating an average of 200 people a year. Patients who are referred can get support from specialist teams, which include clinical psychologists, therapists, mental health practitioners, psychiatrists, and peer support.

4.2 Doncaster

Medical students at Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals are involved in an innovative pilot scheme to test virtual reality medical training simulations. Using a virtual reality headset as well as Oxford Medical Simulation software, the students were able to see and interact with a computer-generated bedside hospital scenario of a patient, as part of a training simulation. During the scenario, the headsets tracked participant's physical movements, allowing them to interact with the medical equipment and patient within the scenario. By doing so, they were able to administer tests, ask the patients questions, give medicines based on their results and diagnose.

4.3 Rotherham

Rotherham Council has been successful in securing an additional £1m of funding to expand the Short Breaks Innovation Fund programme for 2024/25. This funding will support children with some of the most complex needs. Last year, the Council secured almost £560,000 to deliver the first year of the project. The project has created a Short Breaks Hub linked to Liberty House. This additional funding will supplement existing Short Breaks provision and will mean that more children aged ten and above with complex Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) needs can access additional care and support. Specialist Residential Practitioners and a network of education and health professionals provide support at the Short Breaks Hub.

4.4 Barnsley

Barnsley Hospital's Occupational Health Service is introducing access to a Professional Nurse Advocate (PNA), who can help support NHS colleagues. The PNA

role was launched nationally in 2021 by NHS England's Chief Nursing Officer. The innovative role is aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of the nursing workforce and supporting nursing retention. PNAs are registered nurses who support the wellbeing of their colleagues. They use a model called 'restorative clinical supervision' (RCS), which provides a safe space for staff to discuss challenges they face. RCS has been effective in reducing burnout and stress for a range of health professionals.

5. General Updates

5.1 Smoking consultation

The Tobacco and Vapes Bill passed its first vote and at the time of writing was in the committee stage of its progress through the House of Commons. There are a number of stages for it to go through before receiving Royal Assent, including scrutiny in the House of Lords, but the initial vote with cross party support is very encouraging.

NHS South Yorkshire has previously indicated its support for the change in the law since its initial announcement last year. This is because in South Yorkshire there are at least 16,000 hospital admissions due to smoking each year, and smoking takes the lives of 5,900 people every year from our communities. In addition, Smokers are 2.5 times more likely to need social care and on average will need care 10 years earlier than non-smokers. There are also estimates that suggest there are around 11,000 people out of work due to smoking in South Yorkshire.

NHS SY has previously written to elected representatives to ask them to support the measures and, following the current pre-election period, will continue to demonstrate our support for this important legislation.

5.2 Nuclear medicine at Weston Park

A new £4m state-of-the-art nuclear medicine and molecular radiotherapy suite has opened at Weston Park Cancer Centre. The new facility uses high-precision technologies which can detect, image and treat tumours and visualise organ systems in real time. This will play a key role in enabling the specialist cancer hospital to deliver a wave of newly targeted treatments that are set to come on board in the next few years. It will also provide opportunities for patients across the region to take part in leading national and international cancer research trials.

The new Centre will build on Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's reputation as a European Neuroendocrine Tumour Society Centre of Excellence for the treatment and diagnosis of rare neuroendocrine tumours. In addition, it will increase the capacity of the Trust's nuclear medicine department to provide treatment for these tumours across a wide geographical area. The purpose-built unit will be staffed by nuclear medicine technologists, clinical scientists, oncologists and radiologists.

5.3 Awards

A joint project between South Yorkshire ICB, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals and local schools, has been shortlisted for an award at the HSJ Partnership

Awards. The project, which is making local schools 'asthma friendly', was nominated for the Most Impactful Partnership in Preventative Healthcare award, which recognises outstanding dedication to improving healthcare and effective collaboration with partner organisations.

NHS South Yorkshire have been shortlisted for the Employee Benefits Awards. The award nomination was for support through the ICBs mental health hub and Health and Wellbeing hub over the last 12 months, which has been a difficult time for our staff due to the running costs reduction programme. In addition, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals has been nominated for the Best Financial Wellbeing strategy Award

Two Nurse Consultants at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals have recently been commended at the prestigious national 2024 British Journal of Nursing Awards. Dr Iain Armstrong, Consultant Vascular Nurse at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital's Pulmonary Vascular Disease Unit, was named winner in the 'Cardiovascular Nurse of the Year' as well as runner-up for 'Nurse of the Year', while Weston Park Hospital's Dr Jo Bird, Nurse Consultant (Melanoma & Immunotherapy Late Effects), was a finalist in the 'Oncology Nurse of the Year' category.

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