

**Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee**  
**14 October 2021**

**Update on Elective Recovery**

**Report of the Head of Legal and Governance**

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To scrutinise the impact of delays in elective care due to the Covid-19 pandemic, plans to mitigate this impact and the progress with meeting need following delays.

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to identify if any further scrutiny is required and, if so, the focus and timescales.

**3 Background information**

- 3.1 Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic there have been national reports that the pressure of caring for large numbers of patients seriously unwell with Covid-19 has led to increasing waiting lists for elective care. In September 2021, The Health Foundation reported data that nationally approximately 6 million fewer people completed elective care pathways between January 2020 and July 2021 than would have been expected based on pre-pandemic numbers and, as well as fewer patients being treated, nationally approximately 7.5 million fewer people were referred into consultant-led elective care than would have been expected based on pre-pandemic numbers. NHS England data, analysed and reported by the Kings Fund, suggested that nationally the elective waiting list increased by 42% between April 2020 and July 2021. Within this national picture, there is considerable variation between areas in England in terms of the impact on elective care and the rate of recovery.
- 3.2 In September 2020, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group reported to the Committee that in response to the Covid-19 pandemic it had worked with NHS providers to make changes to local services to manage increased demand in relation to Covid-19 and ensure appropriate infection control measures were in place. Following initial postponement of all non-urgent elective operations, the Committee heard that by that stage increasing amounts of routine elective work were being undertaken. One year on, the Committee wanted to explore the current local position in relation to the impact of Covid-19 on elective care and associated health outcomes, and work taking place, and planned to mitigate negative impacts.
- 3.3 A paper updating the Committee on the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System's approach to managing elective recovery and

reduce waiting times for elective care that formed during the Covid-19 pandemic is attached. The Chief Commissioning Officer and System Delivery Director for Planned Care, Cancer and Diagnostics from Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group will be attending the meeting to answer any questions from the Committee.

#### **4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 Report on Elective Recovery across the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System

#### **5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

- 5.1 None

#### **6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

- 6.1 The Health Foundation 27/09/21 'Elective care: how has Covid-19 affected the waiting list?' [https://www.health.org.uk/news-and-comment/charts-and-infographics/elective-care-how-has-covid-19-affected-the-waiting-list?utm\\_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=12680743\\_NEWSL\\_HMP%202021-09-28&dm\\_i=21A8,7JSIV,FLWR37,UQSDR,1](https://www.health.org.uk/news-and-comment/charts-and-infographics/elective-care-how-has-covid-19-affected-the-waiting-list?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=12680743_NEWSL_HMP%202021-09-28&dm_i=21A8,7JSIV,FLWR37,UQSDR,1)
- 6.2 The Kings Fund 27/09/21 'Tackling the elective backlog – exploring the relationship between deprivation and waiting times' [https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2021/09/elective-backlog-deprivation-waiting-times?utm\\_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=12680743\\_NEWSL\\_HMP%202021-09-28&dm\\_i=21A8,7JSIV,FLWR37,UQ21E,1](https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2021/09/elective-backlog-deprivation-waiting-times?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=12680743_NEWSL_HMP%202021-09-28&dm_i=21A8,7JSIV,FLWR37,UQ21E,1)

#### **7 Wards affected**

- 7.1 All

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