

REPORT

Reporting Group:	Integrated Health and Care Partnership Leaders' Forum	
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	For approval and sign off	
	For discussion and recommendations	
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Recommendations

Members of the Partnership Leaders' Forum are requested to note the content of this report, provide any comments and raise any questions to the Chair of the Pennine Lancashire A&E Delivery Board.

Chair's Update

The Chair welcomed members and introductions were made. It was explained that this was a short business meeting as there followed a longer workshop for the remainder of the morning. This was to focus on safely avoiding ambulance hospital conveyances. The workshop involved a wide group of stakeholders and had the aim of exploring what opportunities there are locally to develop alternatives to conveyance over the next year. It had a specific focus on mental health, health care professional bookings and intermediate tier issues.

Performance

The system Plan on a Page was presented along with the performance report relating to August 2019. In relation to 4 hr performance the system achieved 82.71% for August and 85% for September, which is an improvement on 2018-19 year. It was however acknowledged that this is an upward trend since April and the positive impact of new staff rotas was noted.

Longer length of stay (LLOS) has been identified as a key area of action and a number of plans are in place. These include the ECIST recommendations and the ELHT LLOS programme action plan. In addition a LLOS review process is established consistent with national guidance. Divisional LLOS teams are running weekly deep dive reviews at ward level and an executive led LLOS panel will also run weekly.

Winter Planning

A further draft of the Winter Plan was presented by Stuart Hayton. An earlier version of the Winter Plan was discussed at A&E Delivery Board on 5th September 2019 and since then a further re-prioritisation exercise has been undertaken, in relation to the ELHT in-hospital schemes. The total cost of the plan presented on 3rd October 2019, is £3,605,000, of which in-hospital schemes amount to £2,575,000 and out of hospital schemes £1,030,000. Funding sources are identified for all the out of hospital schemes and £1.5million of the £2,575,000 is identified within the CCG financial plans. The majority of the ELHT schemes were not funded within the existing contract. The circa £1.0 million financial gap is being considered in the context of the system control total and discussions are underway in the Pennine Lancashire Finance and Resources Group to identify disinvestment options to meet the funding gap.

Mental Health

An update on Mental Health developments was provided by Suzanne Thornber which covered the imminent closure of the MHDU and the mitigation plans locally to cater for this cohort of patients in other settings.