

**Blackburn with Darwen CCG Governing Body &
East Lancashire CCG Governing Body
Meeting in Common**

Report Title:	EPRR Core Standards Final Submission Report 2019-2020	Agenda No:	5.4
Meeting Date:	13 November 2019		
Summary of Report:	This report provides detail in relation to the progress with the Pennine Lancs CCGs' compliance against the NHS England Core Standards (in relation to Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response). It provides a rationale to support the submissions of the CCGs and their Providers to NHS England on 24th October through the Local Health Resilience Partnership.		
Report Recommendations:	Members are asked to receive this final submission report (giving 'Full Compliance' based on the rationale within this report).		
Financial Implications:	None		
Procurement Implications:	None		
Report Category:	Support and recommend/forward the report.		Tick
	Approve the recommendations outlined in the report.		
	Debate the content of the report.		
	Receive the report for information.		✓
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	Report supported & approved by your Senior Lead?		Y
Presented By:	Mrs K Hollis, Chief Finance Officer		
Other Committees Consulted:	LHRP (Local Health Resilience Partnership)		
Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA)	Has a PIA been completed in respect of this report?		N
	If Yes, please attach	If No, provide reason below.	
Equality Impact Analysis (EIA)	Has an EIA been completed in respect of this report?		N
	If Yes, please attach	If No, provide reason below.	
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Is a Data Protection Impact Assessment Required?		N
Risks:	Have any risks been identified / assessed?		Y
Conflict of Interest:	Is there a conflict of interest associated with this report?		N
Clinical Engagement:	Has any clinical engagement/involvement taken place as part of the proposal being presented.		N
Patient Engagement:	Have patients been involved in the drafting of this report?		N
Privacy Status:	Can the document be shared		Y
CCG Corporate Objectives :			
CO1	To commission the best quality and effective services to deliver optimal healthcare outcomes for our local population.		✓
CO2	Ensure the balance of our health investment reflects our population's needs and keeps the population well.		
CO3	Deliver the 10 year strategy by engagement with the population we serve and ensure we commission services that meet local needs with a clear focus on population health management strategies.		

CO4	We will focus on population health outcomes through helping to deliver successful Integrated Care Partnerships and ensure decisions, provision and access to local services is based on the needs of our population.	
CO5	As local health leaders, we will focus on increasing life expectancy across Pennine Lancashire to be at, or about the national average in the next 10 years.	

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EPRR Core Standards – Final Submission

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The CCG is required to submit an annual assessment of its compliance with the NHS England Emergency Preparedness Resilience and Response (EPRR) Core Standards and to give assurance on the extent of compliance with the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (CCA). Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are defined as Category 2 Responders under the CCA, meaning that there is a duty to cooperate with the Providers as Category 1 Responders, in support of their continued provision of effective patient care during a Major Incident.

In addition to meeting these legislative duties, CCGs are required to comply with guidance and framework documents, including but not limited to:

- NHS England Emergency Planning Framework 2015;
- NHS England Core Standards for Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response 2018;
- NHS England (Operating Framework) Everyone Counts: Planning for Patients 2015/16.

This is achieved through the publication, testing and exercising of plans for critical functions and key services in accordance with the aforementioned guidance.

2. Purpose / Background

- 2.1 In July 2019, NHS England issued the revised Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response Core Standards documentation. The progress towards becoming fully compliant with these standards across the Pennine Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Groups (PL CCGs) is achieved through the process of gathering assurance from colleagues that builds into the picture provided here. NHS England also requests that CCGs directly receive the compliance statements, and improvement plans, of its providers which is a continuation of the requirements placed on CCGs in 2015.
- 2.2 There are 43 core standards against which the CCG had to review its current arrangements in terms of its level of compliance. In undertaking this review the Assurance and Delivery Manager considered the core standard detail, the arrangements currently in place against the standard and the expectation of the CCG specifically in terms of the Civil Contingencies Act and the NHS England Emergency Planning Framework. Obviously key to this has been the policy and plans in place around Emergency Preparedness Resilience and Response. These being the: Emergency Preparedness Resilience and Response Policy, Major Incident Plan (including the detailed on-call manager resource pack), Business Continuity Plan, Operational Response plan, Pandemic Influenza Plan and the Severe Weather Plan.

2.3 Following a detailed review the CCG considers itself to be 'Fully Compliant' with the 43 core standards and therefore is suggesting submitting a statement to reflect this, which has been endorsed by the Accountable Emergency Officer of both CCGs, to NHS England.

2.4 In line with NHS England requirements the CCGs have received the compliance statements, and any required improvement plans, from Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust and East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust. The CCG also received the compliance statement from Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust and this has been included, along with the others, in section 5 below for completeness.

3. Improvement Plans

3.1 From a CCG perspective we are not required to submit an improvement plan as we are fully compliant with the core standards.

3.2 In relation to any provider improvement plans this is detailed in section 5 below.

4. Severe Weather

4.1 As detailed a 'deep dive' on Severe Weather has been implemented as part of this year's review. The CCG has identified no areas within this which require any current changes. As previously detailed this does not form part of the CCG statement of compliance.

5. Health Economy Assurances – Organisation Compliance Levels

5.1 The compliance levels and the results of the self-assessment are as follows:

Organisation	Compliance Level	Number of Standards Rated Red	Number of Standards Rated Amber	Number of Standards Rated Green	Improvement Plan received and reviewed
Pennine Lancashire CCG (incorporating East Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen CCGs)	Full	0	0	43	
East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust	Substantial	0	5	59	✓*
Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust	Full	0	0	54	✓
Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust	Substantial	0	1	53	✓

* LCFT has submitted an Improvement Plan, however this is not identifying actions against areas of none compliance but areas of continued improvement.

5.2 The CCGs Assurance and Delivery Manager will continue to ensure systems and processes are in place to maintain compliance with the core standards and the CCGs requirements under the Emergency Planning Framework.

5.3 In relation to provider assurances the Assurance and Delivery Manager will continue to meet with providers on a quarterly basis to monitor implementation of any improvement plans and to ensure ongoing compliance is maintained.

6. Conclusions

- 6.1 The Assurance and Delivery Manager has reviewed the core standard requirements and has assessed the CCG as being fully compliant. In addition the compliance statements, along with any improvement plans, have been received from providers and regular meetings will take place over the coming 12 months to ensure their continued progress against their roles and responsibilities.
- 6.2 The CCG will, following Executive endorsement, submit a health economy compliance report to NHS England.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 The Governing Body is requested to:
- Agree the submission of full compliance against the core standards requirements for the CCG
 - Review the health economy update and agree for onward submission to NHS England.

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1st October 2019