



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 19 NOVEMBER 2015

REPORT OF THE URGENT CARE BOARD

WINTER PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the latest Winter Plan.

Link to Better Care Together

Workstream	Relevance	Workstream	Relevance
Maternity, neonates, children and young people		Mental health	
Long term conditions		Frail and older people	
Urgent care	*	Planned care	
Learning disabilities		End of life	

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

2. Additional funding of £1.98bn national announced in the 2014 Autumn Statement provided certainty of funding in 2015/16, including for issues such as operational resilience that would previously have been resourced from in-year allocations. As a result, there will be no further in-year allocations during 2015/16. System Resilience Groups were asked to develop local capacity and demand plans that reflected operational resilience funding (including for winter) at the same level received in 2014/15, but funded from baseline allocations.

Background

3. The winter plan specifically focuses on the pressures presented by winter and is used in conjunction with the surge and escalation plan which is in place on a day to day basis. In addition to these plans each organisation has a business continuity plan which incorporates contingency plans for staffing and weather. These organisational plans should incorporate contingences for known pressure periods, flu vaccination particularly staff, assurance processes for alignment of plans and communication strategies.

Proposals/Options

4. The winter plan final version went to the Urgent Care Board on 29th October 2015, however it still requires further up-dating by key organisations. When the plan is complete it will be monitored by LLR Surge and Reliance Group on a monthly basis.

Consultation/Patient and Public Involvement

5. Consultation was undertaken via the LLR Surge and Reliance Group, whose membership includes members of the health and social care economy and NHSE representation.

Resource Implications

6. None outside agreed winter monies.

Timetable for Decisions

7. The winter plan went to the Urgent Care Board on 29th October 2015 for approval, however it still requires further up-dating by key organisations.

Conclusions/Recommendations

8. The winter plan has been approved by the Urgent Care Board and is now in place. The plan will be monitored by LLR Surge and Reliance Group on a monthly basis.

Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

None.

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List of Appendices

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Health and Social Care Economy Winter Plan 2015
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