

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Report

<b>Committee:</b>	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	22 October 2020
<b>Report Title:</b>	Hampshire and Isle of Wight NHS Covid-19 Response Update
<b>Report From:</b>	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care System Southampton City, West Hampshire and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Partnership of Clinical Commissioning Groups

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### Summary and Purpose

1. Following the briefings provided in July and September 2020, the attached report (Appendix 1) provides an update from the Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Groups on NHS accelerating the return to near normal levels of non Covid health services; preparation for winter demand pressures, alongside continuing vigilance in the light of further probable Covid spikes; support for staff and action on inequalities and prevention.
2. Also attached is a statement from University Hospitals Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (Appendix 2) regarding the temporary closure of the New Forest Birth Centre due to covid related staffing issues.

### Recommendations

3. That the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee:
  - a) Note the system wide update
  - b) Note the temporary closure of the New Forest Birth Centre and request an update in January 2021.

**REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:**

**Links to the Strategic Plan**

<b>Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:</b>	no
<b>People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:</b>	yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:</b>	no
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:</b>	no

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Covid-19 System Approach Overview	14 September 2020
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

## **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:**

### **1. Equality Duty**

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

### **2. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

This is a covering report for items from the NHS that require the attention of the HASC. It does not therefore make any proposals which will impact on groups with protected characteristics.