

Devon Health and Wellbeing Board update

July 2022

COVID-19 and vaccinations

The number of people in hospital with COVID-19 in Devon has tripled during June while staff absences have also increased.

Some trusts and GP practices have updated their guidance to encourage people to wear masks, although these decisions are made by each organisation and not mandated nationally.

People who were eligible for spring boosters on 30 June will still be able to have them in July, but people who have turned 75 from 1st July will not.

2,752,613 first, second and third doses were given in Devon between 8 December 2020 and 26 June 2022, vaccination [data published](#) by NHS England and NHS Improvement shows. This includes 1,006,000 first doses, 953,547 second doses 793,066 boosters/third doses. Spring booster doses are published at a national level.

12.2% of 5-11 year olds in Devon have had at least one dose; 11,472 doses in total. This is above the national average of 9.9% and on a par with the southwest average of 12.5%.

Nationally 4.26 million spring booster vaccinations have been given and regionally 566,180 (as of 3 July).

104-week waits

Devon continues to work with the regional NHS team to maximise capacity and eliminate 104-week waits for treatment.

The latest forecast (from mid-June) estimated there would be 852 patients, against an original plan of 945. This includes more than 100 who, due to patient choice, have chosen to wait until after June.

Out-of-area elective treatment

NHS Devon recently contacted all patients who have been waiting for two years or more and did not have treatment scheduled by both post and telephone to offer them the choice to be treated by another provider.

23 orthopaedic patients have so far been treated by providers in London and a further 21 are in the process of being assessed for treatment.

System deficit

The NHS has submitted a plan that shows an £18.2 million system deficit, which sits with Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. All chief executives in Devon are committed to working together towards achieving a balanced plan.

Monkeypox

There have been 1,235 confirmed cases of monkeypox in the UK as of 30 June, 14 of which are in the south west.

England is judged to be at Level 2 outbreak, the second lowest of four levels. This is defined as “transmission within a defined sub-population with high number of close contacts”. England is being closely monitored for any evidence of Level 3, defined as “transmission within multiple sub-populations or larger sub-population.”

The outbreak has mainly been affecting people without documented history of travel to endemic countries.

The risk to the UK population remains low, but the NHS is asking people to be alert to any new rashes or lesions, which would appear like spots, ulcers or blisters, on any part of their body.

If anyone suspects they might have these, they should limit their contact with others and contact NHS 111.

The NHS is continuing to promptly identify further monkeypox cases in England through our extensive surveillance and contact tracing networks, our vigilant NHS services, and thanks to people coming forward with symptoms.

Proud to launch One Devon

We were proud to launch One Devon on 1 July, which paves the way for our new, innovative and collaborative approach to health and care in our county.

One Devon is the name of our health and care system, which includes our NHS organisations and local councils, as well the many other local organisations, groups and communities who work together to improve the health, wellbeing, and care of people in Devon.

Under One Devon, we are moving towards a system that is increasingly focused on enabling wellness, rather than treating illness and thinking community first, rather than hospital. While new partnerships are being forged, with a greater focus on the wider factors that impact our health such as housing, employment and leisure.

As well as launching One Devon, 1 July sees the formation of a new partnership and a new NHS organisation to drive joined-up thinking and care.

The **One Devon Partnership** is a new committee that includes a range of organisations and groups who can influence people's health, wellbeing and care. Its primary aim is to produce a strategy to join-up services, reduce inequalities, and improve people's wellbeing, outcomes and experiences. All organisations will be responsible for delivering this strategy.

NHS Devon (formally known as the integrated care board) is the new NHS organisation responsible for commissioning the majority of NHS services in the county. Staff who previously worked for NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will transfer to NHS Devon.

Another key element of our new system are **five local care partnerships (LCPs)** in northern, eastern, south, west and Plymouth that see hospital trusts, councils and community groups coming together to plan and deliver services in the communities where people live and work.

LCPs will work alongside two **provider collaboratives** – one for mental health and another for acute hospital services – that bring together providers to look at how they can collaborate including by sharing resources and information to better support patients.

At a very local level, **GP surgeries** have been coming together to form primary care networks. By sharing resources, they can provide a wider range of services than would be possible on their own.

NHS Devon board appointments

NHS Devon has appointed the final members to its diverse board, including its chief finance officer, as well as representatives from mental health, primary care and the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector.

The full board is as follows.

Chair

- Chair – Dr Sarah Wollaston

Executive members

- Chief executive – Jane Milligan (voting member)
- Chief medical officer – Dr Nigel Acheson (voting member)
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- Chief nursing officer – Darryn Allcorn (voting member)
- Chief medical officer – Dr Nigel Acheson (voting member)
- Chief finance officer – Bill Shields (voting member)
- Chief transformation and strategic planning officer – Simon Tapley
- Chief communications and corporate affairs officer – Andrew Millward
- Director of workforce strategy – Paul Renshaw
- Chief delivery officer – TBA

Non-executive members (NEM)

- NEM for quality and performance – Professor Hisham Khalil
- NEM for health inequalities and population health – Professor Sheena Asthana
- NEM for citizen and community involvement – Dr Thandiwe Hara
- NEM for finance and remuneration – Kevin Orford
- NEM for audit and risk – Graham Clarke
- NEM for primary care – Judy Hargadon

Partner members

- Partner member for mental health, learning disabilities and neurodiversity – Sarah-Lou Glover (voting member)
- Partner member for local authorities – Tracey Lee (voting member)
- Partner member for population health and prevention – Steve Brown (voting member)
- Partner member for primary care – Dr Frank O’Kelly (voting member)
- Partner member for acute trusts – Liz Davenport (voting member)