

TRUST BOARD

Title:	Winter Surge Assurance Plan 2021/2022
Action:	To note and endorse
Meeting:	24th November 2021

Purpose:

The Winter Surge Assurance Plan describes the proactive approach that Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust (the Trust) will undertake to address the anticipated impact on its health care services during the period from November 2021 to March 2022.

There is a need to ensure that patients are cared for in the most appropriate environment and that the quality and safety of clinical care is maintained throughout, with consideration given to the additional pressures of a potential surge of Covid, ongoing supply chain issues arising from the UK's exit from the EU, impacts from severe weather and the Trust's management of infectious outbreaks amongst its staff.

The purpose of this document is to ensure the Trust delivers an acceptable level of service whilst observing its primary objective of keeping its patients, staff and visitors safe during the winter and festive period and maintaining close collaborative relationships with its system partners across its localities.

Recommendation:

The Board is requested to note and endorse this report setting out the Trust's actions to cope with winter pressures during 2021/2022.

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Trust Objectives

Objective	How the report supports achievement of the Trust objectives:
Provide outstanding care	Effective winter planning is required to ensure that the Trust is adequately prepared for the predicted rise in unscheduled care demand. This will support the delivery of timely and safe care to our service users.
Collaborate with others	The Trust's Winter Assurance aims to enhance collaborative working between NHS Trusts at both a local and regional level as well as other Category 1 & 2 service providers across the Local Resilience Fora. This promotes a supportive and consistent approach to winter planning and its anticipated demands on system wide capacity.
Be an excellent employer	The Trust's commitment to promote safety by encouraging its staff and the communities it serves to access the Covid and Flu vaccinations programmes, respectively.
Be a sustainable organisation	This paper by addressing the impact of Covid surges and severe weather has provided business continuity solutions which support the Trust's sustainability portfolio. For example, the planning to operate remotely and face to face can reduce travel time and therefore increase both environmental sustainability and decrease the need to travel for certain frontline staff.

Trust risk register

Risk 3426 and BAF risks 3165, 3164, 3260, 3370, 3337, 3424, 2915, 3254, 3184, 3227 & 3120

Legal and Regulatory requirements:

In accordance with regulatory guidance ancillary to the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and supporting NHS England guidance.

Previous Papers:

Title:	Date Presented:
Winter Planning Assurance 2020/2021	November 2020

Diversity and Inclusion implications:

Objective	How the report supports achievement of objectives:
To support the development of a Trust wide Anti-Racism Strategy and Organisational Development Plan.	N/A
To introduce reverse mentoring into all our in-house management and leadership development programmes, to promote diverse leadership through lived experiences.	N/A
We will measure the impact of our virtual clinical platforms, ensuring that they are fully accessible to the diverse communities we serve.	A BAME Mass Vaccination Cell was set up by the EPRR lead to address vaccine hesitancy in the local BAME communities the Trust serves. This resulted in our social media project work used for further cascade by our Local Health Resilience Partners across Norfolk & Cambridgeshire.

