

TRUST BOARD

Title:	Winter Planning Assurance 2018/2019
Action:	FOR NOTING
Meeting:	18 September 2019

Purpose:

The Winter Planning Assurance describes the proactive approach that Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust will undertake to address the anticipated impact on its health care services during October 2019 to March 2020.

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 the winter period. The purpose of this document is to ensure that as far as is possible, an acceptable level of service is maintained during the winter and festive period.

The Trust is required to ensure that it is fully prepared, along with its partners, for winter in order to minimize any potential disruption to services, patients and carers.

Background:

Cold weather increases the risk of heart attacks, strokes, lung illnesses, flu and other diseases. People slip and fall in the snow or ice, sometimes suffering serious injuries. Some groups, such as older people, very young children and people with serious medical conditions, are particularly vulnerable to the effects of cold weather.

On average, there are around 25,000 excess winter deaths each year in England. Excess winter deaths are the observed total number of deaths in winter (December to March) compared to the average of the number of deaths over the rest of the year. Excess deaths are not just deaths of those who would have died anyway in the next few weeks or months due to illness or old age. There is strong evidence that some of these winter deaths are indeed 'extra' and are related to cold temperatures and living in cold homes as well as infectious diseases such as influenza. Even with climate change, cold related deaths will continue to represent the biggest weather-related cause of mortality.

Recommendation:

The Board is requested to endorse this report setting out the Trust's actions to cope with winter pressures during 2019/2020.

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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 other organisations	The Trust's Winter Plans 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 Flu Vaccination programme and The Trusts commitment to a) promote and b) make available the vaccinations to all staff
Be a sustainable organisation	

Trust risk register

N/A

Legal and Regulatory requirements:

In accordance with regulatory guidance ancillary to the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and supporting NHS England, in its actions, to put in place plans for the effective delivery of healthcare services during the 2018/19 winter period.

Previous Papers:

Title:	Date Presented:
Winter Planning Assurance 2017/2018	August 2017
Winter Planning Assurance 2018/2019	August 2018

Equality and Diversity implications:

Nil identified

Objective	How the report supports achievement of objectives:							
Achieve an improvement in the percentage of service users who report that they are able to access the Trust services that they require	n/a							
To introduce people participation in our diversity and inclusion initiatives to capture the experience of hard to reach/seldom heard/varied community groups.	n/a							
Introduce Disability Passport Scheme to record agreed reasonable adjustments.	n/a							
To utilise the diverse experience and backgrounds of our Trust Board members in promoting an inclusive culture.	n/a							
Are any of the following protected characteristics impacted by items covered in the paper								
Age <input type="checkbox"/>	Disability <input type="checkbox"/>	Gender Reassignment <input type="checkbox"/>	Marriage and Civil Partnership <input type="checkbox"/>	Pregnancy and Maternity <input type="checkbox"/>	Race <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion and Belief <input type="checkbox"/>	Sex <input type="checkbox"/>	Sexual Orientation <input type="checkbox"/>