



# Partner Brief

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## Winter 2018/19 at DBTH

Winter always brings challenges with increasing patient demand and a rise in seasonal illness such as coughs and colds. The opening months of this New Year have been no different at the Trust, and despite a significant spike in attendance, particularly within our Emergency Departments, colleagues have managed these pressures admirably. I want to thank all of our colleagues at

DBTH who have worked tremendously hard since the start of 2019.



## Performance updates

**4 hour access** - We achieved 90.3% against the national standard of 95% - this made us 14<sup>th</sup> best in the country, despite a 10% rise in attendance.

**RTT** – We performed slightly below our contract target of 89.1%, reaching 87.4%

**Cancer targets** – The 62 day performance achieved the 85% standard at 85.3%.

**HSMR** – The Trust's rolling 12 month HSMR remains better than expected at 93.43.

**C.Diff** – The Trust's C.Diff performance remains better than standard and five cases were recorded in month.



## New CT Suite project gets underway

Building work to create a new Computed Tomography (CT) scanner suite at Doncaster Royal Infirmary has commenced, starting with a ground breaking ceremony by the Right Honourable Dame Rosie Winterton MP, which took place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019. This development is a result of the Trust receiving £4.9 million from the Department of Health and Social Care, as well

as receiving additional support from the Doncaster Cancer Detection Trust. This bid was placed with the Government on behalf of the Trust by the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Integrated Care System (ICS). Work is expected to be finished by March 2020.



## Financial position update

The Trust achieved a surplus in month ten (January 2019) of £593k, which is better than planned and better than forecast by £569k. In January, the Finance

Team at the Trust were awarded Healthcare Financial Management Association's 'Finance Team of the Year Award' at the Yorkshire and Humber Branch Conference 2019. This was due to strong financial performance throughout the past three years, delivering savings of over £22m in this time period.



## **Introducing 'Hosted Networks'**

You will recall that the Hospital Services Review, published last May, confirmed that a number of clinical services provided across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw will need to be delivered differently in the medium to long term due to increases in demand, changing care pathways and the availability of key healthcare professionals nationally and locally.

Over the past 10 months a number of clinicians from across all NHS trusts providing Hospital Services in the Integrated Care System, our Trust, have been looking at how, together, we need to address these challenges and also make the most of new opportunities to ensure we continue to provide high quality, safe care for our patients and a positive work experience for our staff.

Some excellent early work has been completed but it is clear that to move to the next stage, a more formalised structure needs to be put in place to support our on-going plans. As a result it has been agreed that there will be 'Hosted Networks' established for the following five services:

- *Gastroenterology* – Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- *Maternity* – The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
- *Paediatrics* – Sheffield Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- *Stroke* – Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- *Urgent and Emergency Care* – Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust did take part in the Hospital Services Review, but will not host a network in the first instance, as they also share services with NHS organisations outside of South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw. We will continue to work closely with Chesterfield.

The role of the host is to coordinate the running of the Network. It is a supportive role. The host will not be involved in providing services at other trusts, nor will it take on any clinical or financial accountability for other trusts' services. The host will provide leadership through convening and facilitating shared working between the trusts.

The focus of each network will be on how trusts can work together to:

- Standardise the approaches that we take to patient care and pathways where appropriate
- Ensure our workforce in the short, medium and longer term meets the needs of patients and care delivery
- Look at how we can reduce or remove the barriers that prevent us from working together more easily as organisations

Being the host for a service will not provide our Trust with an advantage or disadvantage when it comes to investment or resource allocation, beyond support for running the network itself. All services will remain equally important and there will be an emphasis on ensuring that all organisations are offering high quality care, and all staff have equal access to career development opportunities.

Over the coming weeks there will be more information about the membership of each network and how staff from across the partner trusts can become involved in the different elements of work which will be driven by the networks.



### **Welcoming our new Head of Midwifery**

We are pleased to introduce our new Head of Midwifery, Lois Mellor, who will join the leadership team within our Children's and Families Division.

Passionate about providing excellent care for women and their families, Lois has an extensive background working in the NHS. Having acquired experience at numerous organisations throughout the country, she is sure to bring in many fresh ideas and improvements to our Midwifery service.



### **Flucredibles are nominated by NHS Employers**

We are pleased to announce that our flu vaccination team have been shortlisted for NHS Employers annual awards for their 'Best Team' and 'Most Creative' category.

This follows a particularly successful flu vaccination season, in which 75% of all front line staff received their flu jab within just 31 days. This performance was achieved in record time, making us the fastest Trust in the country to do so. The award ceremony will take place 25 March when the winners will be revealed.



### **Specialist weight management services at the Trust**

We have been successful in a procurement exercise to deliver 'Tier 3 Weight Management Services' (T3WMS) in Doncaster.

This service is only available for people with severe or complex obesity who are considering bariatric (weight loss) surgery. To qualify for T3WMS, individuals must have a body mass index (BMI) of above 35, with the presence of diabetes or other significant conditions, or instead a BMI of over 40, without health-related conditions.

A multi-disciplinary team (MDT) at DBTH, led by dietitians and including cognitive behaviour psychotherapist, physiotherapist and clinical therapy assistants, worked very hard to secure delivery of the service, supported by other colleagues including the Trust's Strategy and Transformation team. Working within the Trust's Quality Improvement (Qi) methodology, the team collating the bid worked together to understand the service model requirements and came up with ideas on how enhancements could be implemented in a timely manner to meet the new specification.

All this information was pulled into a submission which was submitted at the start of December. Just before Christmas the Trust was notified by commissioners that it had been successful and will continue to provide the T3WMS service for a further two years.

