

Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership Stakeholder Newsletter

May 2021

We are pleased to announce that the 2020/21 Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership annual report has been published

The annual report captures the Partnership's work and achievements during 2020/21 in line with the requirements of the [Humber, Coast and Vale Partnership Long Term Plan](#), which provides an overview of the work we are undertaking to improve the health and wellbeing for our population.

It's an understatement to say that 20/21 was a difficult year due to the challenges that the coronavirus pandemic has presented for our health and care system. But, despite the challenges, 20/21 was another year of success and achievement.

In May 2020 the Partnership **announced it had become an Integrated Care System (ICS)**, after its application was ratified by NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI).

Achieving ICS status – a year earlier than required – is a testament to the strength of commitment of all of our leaders across our local authorities, NHS bodies and other health and care organisations to developing a strong and effective partnership.

In November 2020, NHSEI **set out principles for the future of ICSs in England** and outlined two proposals for how ICSs could be embedded in legislation by April 2022.

Much of the approach outlined in the NHSEI document is already being developed or is in place in Humber, Coast and Vale; and we need to build on that as we consider the adjustments that need to be made to reflect the policy changes.

As a health and care system we are determined to emerge from the coronavirus pandemic better equipped to tackle the health issues which affect our communities.

When faced with the rapid increase in Covid-19 cases and restrictions that were put in place to stop the spread of the virus, health and care teams across Humber, Coast and Vale quickly made changes to the way they delivered services to ensure they could continue to provide the best possible care in a manner which was safe to staff and patients.

These innovations and changes were compiled into our **Understanding our Response to Covid-19 rapid insights report**. The reason for collating all these examples was so lessons could be learned and shared across our health and care system.

Towards the end of 2020, following on from the initial response to Covid-19, the attention turned to determining how we would gain the upper hand in the fight against coronavirus.



Partnership news

On 9th December 2020, 84-year-old great-grandmother Sheila Page became the **first person in the Humber, Coast and Vale region to receive the Covid-19 vaccine**.

Almost five months on from that historical day the Humber, Coast and Vale Covid-19 vaccination programme has administered more than 1.3 million vaccine doses across our region (correct as of 25th April 2021).

You can read about these achievements, and more, in the **20/21 annual report**.

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Covid-19 vaccination programme passes important milestone as more than two-thirds of eligible population receives first dose



Partnership news

While some national lockdown restrictions have been lifted and more rules are set to be relaxed over the next few months, in Humber, Coast and Vale we remain cautiously optimistic about managing Covid-19 as we make good progress in vaccinating our population against the virus.

Thanks to a combined effort of primary care teams, volunteers, vaccination centres, hospital hubs and pharmacies, the Humber, Coast and Vale Covid-19 vaccination programme has already administered the first vaccine dose to more than two-thirds of the region's eligible population (1.4 million), which is a significant milestone.

As of 25th April 2021, the Humber, Coast and Vale Covid-19 vaccination programme has administered more than 1.3 million vaccine doses across our region.

We continue to offer the vaccine to people aged 40 and over, unpaid carers and those at high risk from Covid-19, including those with long-term health conditions.

Clinical teams in Humber, Coast and Vale have been working above and beyond the call of duty, vaccinating thousands of people every week. Many people who come to get vaccinated are incredibly grateful, and the healthcare staff really do appreciate the positive feedback they receive from the members of the public.

We have been keen to share positive experiences of people who have had the vaccine. We recognise that for some people it may feel daunting to attend an appointment, especially if they've been shielding at home for over a year. All clinics are organised in a socially distanced way to ensure staff and patients' safety, with regular cleaning taking place.

Rolling out the vaccination programme in our region is a collective effort of all partners in the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership. This first phase proves what can be achieved in health and social care when we support each other to achieve a shared objective.

And as we move on to offer the vaccine to other age groups, it will be paramount to continue to share the learning and good practice when reaching out to vulnerable groups and those in our communities who struggle to engage with health services.

GPs encourage Covid-19 vaccine confidence in culturally diverse communities

GPs across our region have filmed an important message in multiple languages to encourage Covid-19 vaccine confidence among all of our different communities.

Concerns have been raised over a low uptake of Covid-19 vaccinations among patients from ethnic minority backgrounds – with misinformation leaving some patients reluctant to come forward to have their jab.

Clinical commissioning groups across Humber, Coast and Vale have come together to coordinate video messages from GPs, and are working to promote them to enhance confidence in the Covid-19 vaccine and to dispel any vaccine myths.



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Dr Faisal Baig, a GP in North Lincolnshire and Chair of NHS North Lincolnshire CCG, said: "We want to reach out to our culturally diverse communities to ensure everyone has the opportunity to hear and understand factual information about the Covid-19 vaccine from their local doctors and thus encourage vaccine confidence."

The Humber, Coast and Vale coronavirus vaccine information videos in different languages can be viewed on the [HCV Partnership's YouTube channel](#).

New Resilience Hub for health, care and emergency services staff in Humber, Coast and Vale



Visit www.hcvresiliencehub.nhs.uk for more information.
You can also email team.hcv-resiliencehub@nhs.net

Mental health

A new Resilience Hub has launched to support health, care and emergency services workers across the Humber, Coast and Vale area.

The **Humber, Coast and Vale Resilience Hub** provides independent and confidential health and wellbeing support for health, care and emergency service workers who may be struggling with the impact of Covid-19.

The hub, which launched in February 2021, has been commissioned by the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership in response to the growing pressures on frontline workers during the pandemic.

Bringing together and building on existing support offered by individual organisations across the region, the Humber, Coast and Vale Resilience Hub helps health, care and emergency services workers who need support to quickly and confidentially access the best advice and treatment.

Commenting on the launch, Michele Moran, Senior Responsible Officer of the HCV Partnership Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Programme, said: “Frontline health, care and emergency workers have been working under enormous pressure for the last year and sadly this continues to be the case as we deal with Covid-19.

“Many people are working in unfamiliar environments, with reduced staffing levels and this can be incredibly stressful and tiring. This combined with the added worry people will have for their own family’s health and wellbeing is putting extraordinary strain on people’s personal resilience and family life.

“The Resilience Hub is completely confidential and offers frontline workers and their families advice and support for a range of issues such as emotional wellbeing to bereavement, debt, domestic violence and relationship issues.

“People can also access mental wellbeing support via an expert team of psychologists and health professionals where needed, by completing an online wellbeing questionnaire which assesses people’s level of need.”

Dr Jo Jordan, Clinical Lead and Consultant Psychologist for the Resilience Hub, added: “We know that it can be hard for professionals to come forward to ask for support. The Humber, Coast and Vale Resilience Hub provides an independent and confidential space for people to seek support, outside of their organisational environment.”

If you are a health, care or emergency services worker in the local area and feel you could benefit from extra support at this time visit www.hcvresiliencehub.nhs.uk.

Humber, Coast and Vale chosen to pilot new maternal mental health service



Mental health

Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership has been selected as one of the first areas in England to develop a pilot maternal mental health service – which will help women in the region who have previously not been eligible for specialist mental health support.

The HCV Partnership has secured £500,000 funding to develop a maternal mental health service in the region to help women without children with a fear of childbirth, women with a birth-related post-traumatic stress disorder, women who have had a miscarriage or still-birth and women who have experienced having a baby removed at birth.

The maternity mental health service, which links to the aims of the NHS Long Term Plan, will launch in spring with the aim of providing the service on a permanent basis from 2023.

The service will be provided by Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust, NAVIGO, Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust and Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys Foundation NHS Trust, and will see increased access to psychological support and therapy for women experiencing mental health difficulties directly arising from, or related to, their maternity experience.





Keep up to date with HCV Partnership news

Keep up to date with the latest developments across the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership.

Our [website](#) features our latest news and information, and we publish a new [blog](#) every week which looks at a specific area of work. You can also follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).



Cancer

The Hull Lung Health Check (LHC) programme, which helps to diagnose lung cancer early, has resumed following a temporary pause due to the coronavirus pandemic.

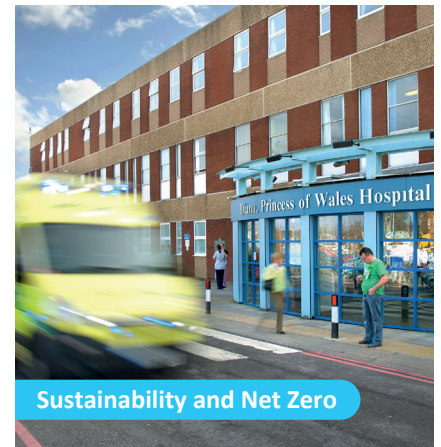
Decarbonisation funding windfall worth £66m for Humber, Coast and Vale hospitals

Three of Humber, Coast and Vale's hospital trusts have received funding worth more than £66million to support work to reduce carbon emissions at their hospitals. The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has awarded these grants as part of its £1billion Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme to fund capital energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation projects.

Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust has been allocated £40.3 million to make improvements at its three hospitals – Scunthorpe General Hospital, Goole and District Hospital and Diana Princess of Wales Hospital in Grimsby.

Part of the funding will be used to replace the coal-fired boiler at Goole and District Hospital with a combined heat and power system.

Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust has received £14million to install an air source heat pump at Harrogate District Hospital, which will reduce the consumption of natural gas at the site.



Sustainability and Net Zero

The money will also address some of the long-standing maintenance matters relating to the hospital building including repairing and replacing some of the roofing and windows. As part of the roofing replacement work, solar panels will be installed to provide a sustainable green source for electricity and reduce the reliance on grid electricity.

Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust was awarded £12.6million for upgrades at Hull Royal Infirmary and Castle Hill Hospital.

It's back! Lung Health Check programme resumes in Hull to detect cancer early

The Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance (HCV CA) and partner organisations, including Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and NHS Hull CCG restarted the programme on Monday 12th April, with Covid-19 measures in place to ensure patient and staff safety.

Eligible participants are contacted to take part in a telephone assessment with a specially trained nurse and those reaching the risk score threshold are invited to attend a low dose CT scan on board a mobile unit at Castle Hill Hospital.

The Hull LHC service initially launched in January 2020 and ran for five weeks until it was paused in March 2020. During that time the service welcomed 949 participants, helped to identify a number of cancers at an early stage and referred over 100 participants to local stop smoking services.

Dr Stuart Baugh, Hull LHC Programme Director said: "We are delighted that the Hull LHC programme has begun its phased return. This service is a key tool in helping us to diagnose lung cancer early, which can greatly improve life expectancy."