



HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND ICS PERFORMANCE
SERVICE

HEALTH PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of the report is to provide the Committee with an update on public health and health system performance in Leicestershire and Rutland based on the available data in December 2024.
2. The report contains the latest available data for Leicestershire and Rutland and LLR on a number of key performance metrics (as available in December 2024) and provides the Committee with local actions in place.

Background

3. The Committee has, as of recent years, received a joint report on health performance from the County Council's Chief Executive's Department and the ICS Commissioning Support Unit Performance Service. The report aims to provide an overview of performance issues on which the Committee might wish to seek further reports and information, inform discussions and check against other reports coming forward.

Changes to Performance Reporting Framework

4. For 2024/25, NHS England (NHSE) set out System Priorities and Operational Planning guidance which focuses on the recovery of NHS core services through continuous improvement in access, quality, and productivity, whilst transforming the way they deliver care and create stronger foundations for delivery in the future.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/priorities-and-operational-planning-guidance-2024-25/>

5. The new performance framework sets out the National System Priorities for 2024/25. These will be the basis for performance assessment of the NHS, alongside the local priorities agreed by ICSs.
6. The following 3 areas therefore form the main basis of reporting to this Committee:
 - a. ICB/ICS NHS System Priorities Performance Report – Appendix 1
 - b. Leicestershire Public Health Strategy outcome metrics and performance – Appendix 2.
 - c. Performance against metrics/targets set out in the Better Care Fund plan.

NHS System Oversight Framework

7. The LLR ICB position within the NHS Oversight framework is also reported. This benchmarks the ICB against over 60 Key Performance Metrics (KPIs) and includes the best and worst 25% rank positions against ICBs in England. Set out at the end of the slide pack attached as Appendix 1. An executive summary is also set in slide 2 of the pack and performance priorities summarised in slides 3-5.
8. Further details on the NHS System Oversight Framework can be found on <https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-oversight-framework/>
9. Performance reporting is also a key element of the LLR ICB Collaboratives, and many of these groups have Quality and Performance subgroups, which receive performance reports throughout the year.

Summary of ICB/ICS Performance

10. The performance report attached as Appendix 1 aims to provide a high-level overview of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) achievement of the National NHS System Priorities. Slides 3-5 set out NHS priorities for 2024/25 together with planned/targeted performance, actual performance and supporting rag ratings for 34 areas. Of those currently reported 13 are green/achieving, 5 amber/within 5% and 9 red/currently under. A range of supporting slides set out further detail on progress/performance in service areas.
11. Slides 54 and 55 set out the benchmark rank positions on 2023/24 performance for the LLR ICB against other reporting ICBs, with a number of red and green areas highlighted for that year. Red areas include the clostridium difficile infection rate, e.coli bloodstream infection rate, cervical cancer screening coverage, access rate for IAPT services, people over 65 receiving a seasonal flu vaccination and adult inpatients with a learning disability. Green areas include

children and young people's mental health service access, and access rates to community mental health services for adults with severe mental illness.

12. A summary of some of the recent headline performance progress includes: -

Urgent Care

13. The University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust (UHL) Clinical Bed Bureau is supporting all Healthcare Professional (HCP) referrals 08:00-20:00 Monday to Sunday. In addition, there is winter appointments additionally across General Practice, Oadby Urgent Treatment Centres (UTC), Market Harborough Urgent Care Centres (UCC) and Melton Mowbray UCC live from 1 December 2024.

Primary Care

14. NHSE have introduced an additional role to the ARRS scheme - Newly qualified GPs. Additional funding is expected from NHSE to cover this for Oct-Mar 2025. The ICB continue to support Primary Care Networks with managing their overall ARRS funding allocation.
15. Additional winter capacity for primary care same day need is being delivered from December 24 to March 25 to support winter surges and wider system pressures.

Elective Care

16. There is continued roll-out and a focus on Patient Initiated Follow Ups, to increase capacity for new patients. The East Midlands Planned Care Centre (EMPCC) also opened on 9th December.

Diagnostics

17. The UHL Pathology Service successfully received UKAS Accreditation. Recurrent funding for the Pediatric Asthma Service was also agreed in December 2024.

Cancer

18. The Faster Diagnosis Standard of 75% has been delivered in September for the 12th consecutive month with performance at UHL of 75.3%. Funding from the East Midlands Cancer Alliance for ACE (Accelerating Cancer Equity) was also awarded to 6 charities.

Mental Health

19. The Talking Therapies for reliable improvement approach is meeting the target of 67% for September 2024. The Memory Assessment Service (MAS) are

looking into current demand against service capacity with aims to update the workforce plan. The MAS team will be fully staffed from January 2025

Learning Disability

20. National data confirms that LLR exceeded the Q1 and Q2 Annual Health Checks target within the Operational Plan, with more Annual Health Checks now being completed earlier within the financial year rather than Quarter 4.
21. Work is ongoing to support people who have not accessed an annual health check in the last 2 years, with the pilot project extended for 2024/25. The Quality Improvement project to improve uptake of Annual Health Checks for 14–19-year-olds continues this year, with the template to be used in Paediatrics/CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) now signed off.

Public Health Outcomes Performance – Appendix 2

22. Appendix 2 sets out current performance against a range of outcomes set in the performance framework for public health. The Framework contains 36 indicators related to public health priorities and delivery. The dashboard sets out, in relation to each indicator, the statistical significance compared to the overall England position or relevant service benchmark where appropriate. A rag rating of 'green' shows those that are performing better than the England value or benchmark, and 'red' worse than the England value or benchmark.
23. Analysis shows that of the comparable indicators, 17 are green, 14 amber and 2 red. There are 3 indicators that are not suitable for comparison or have no national data. Of the seventeen green indicators, the following indicator: cancer screening coverage-bowel cancer, has shown significant improvement over the last five years. Breast cancer screening coverage, cervical cancer screening coverage (25-49 years old) and cervical cancer screening coverage (50-64 years old) have shown a significant declining (worsening) performance over the last five years. Year 6 prevalence of overweight (including obesity) has shown a significant increasing (worsening) performance.
24. Of the fourteen indicators that are amber, breastfeeding prevalence at 6 to 8 weeks and smoking status at delivery have shown significant improvement over the last 5 time periods. Successful completion of drug treatment: non opiate users has shown a significant declining (worsening) performance over the last five years.
25. Of the two red indicators – overweight (including obesity) prevalence in adults for the time period 2022/23, Leicestershire ranked 10th out of 16. HIV late diagnosis in people first diagnosed with HIV in the UK in 2021-23,

Leicestershire ranked 15th out of 16. Further work is underway to progress improvement across the range of indicator areas. Further consideration will be given to actions to tackle these areas as part of Health and Wellbeing Strategy implementation and the public health service plan development process.

26. Inequality in life expectancy at birth for both Males and Females in Leicestershire falls within the best quintile in the country. Leicestershire and Rutland have combined values for the following two indicators - successful completion of drug treatment (opiate users) and successful completion of drug treatment (non-opiate users)

Better Care Fund and Adult Care Health/Integration Performance

27. Nationally, the Better Care Fund (BCF) plan for 2024/25 for Leicestershire was officially approved by NHS England (NHSE) in September 2024.
28. Monitoring of the associated metrics for quarter 2 was submitted to NHSE in October 2024.
29. The framework for 2024/25 retains one Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework metric from previous years:
- The number of older adults whose long-term care needs are met by admission to residential or nursing care per 100,000 population.
30. In addition, local systems have agreed targets associated with three further metrics to improve outcomes across the Health and Wellbeing Board area as follows:
- Improving the proportion of people discharged home using data on discharge to their usual place of residence.
 - Reducing unplanned admissions for chronic, ambulatory, care-sensitive conditions.
 - Reducing the number of emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people over 65.
31. The table below shows the BCF metrics for this financial year, the targets and outturns for Quarter 2 where available:

Metric	Target Q2	Actual Q2	Commentary
Indirectly standardised rate (ISR) of emergency hospital admissions per 100,000 population	163.5	159.3 (average to date)	This metric is currently on target. Intermediate care initiatives, particularly for pathway 1 improvements, are increasing, to avoid admissions.

Percentage of people, resident in the HWB area who are discharged from acute hospital to their normal place of residence.	92.6%	91.7%	The target was almost met during Q2. A difference of 0.9% is noted. Mitigations are already in place to improve performance. Currently a system discharge grant is supporting reablement team capacity, domiciliary care packages and two-week reviews.
Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people aged 65 and over directly age standardised rate per 100,000.	1756.9	1716.4 (forecasted year-end)	Currently this metric is forecast to meet the target. A joint review of falls support in the community is underway between the County Council and ICB.
Long-term support needs of older people (age 65 and over) met by admission to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population	494	548.9 per 100k forecast	The current forecast for the full year is 845 admissions or 548.9 per 100k population aged 65 or over. At 845 admissions, this is 18 lower than the previous year and better than our target which was based on a reduction of 10 admissions. It should be noted that the population figure used in the BCF template was based on ONS projections from 2018 (159,368). This is over-inflating the population level and therefore pushing down the target per capita rate (494). The ONS MYE for 2023 is 153,982 and will most likely be used in ASCOF reporting. This gives the rate per 100k as 548.9.

List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – LLR NHS System Priorities Performance Report

Appendix 2 – Public Health Outcomes – Key Metrics Update

Background papers

University Hospitals Leicester Trust Board meetings can be found at the following link:

<http://www.leicestershospitals.nhs.uk/aboutus/our-structure-and-people/board-of-directors/board-meeting-dates/>

LLR Integrated Care Board meetings can be found at the link below

<https://leicesterleicestershireandrutland.icb.nhs.uk/about/board-meetings/>

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