

Board of Directors (in Public)
Item 6.1.4

Subject: CMAST Leadership Board CiC Key Issues Report
Date of Meeting: 31st May 2023
Presented by: Jane Tomkinson, Chief Executive Officer
Meeting Held: 5th May 2023
Attended by: Jane Tomkinson, Chief Executive Officer

This report sets out the key assurances, risks and actions from the recent CMAST Leadership Board Committee in Common (CiC) meeting. Areas for escalation to the Board of Directors are included below as required.

1. Summary

The Leadership Board met on 5th May 2023 and a number of key system issues were discussed:

- The Board started its meeting by reflecting on the latest position in respect of industrial action. Hearing from Chris Douglas MBE, Director of Nursing and Care at the ICB, the Board explored the system impact and ICB and regional arrangements for oversight and coordinated response. Linked to this discussion the Board shared intelligence on wider union activity and contact with Boards. The Board agreed to follow up on this outside of the meeting, sharing intelligence and approaches, follow up will take place with individual trusts to understand potential impact.
- The Board received an update on the work taking place within the CMAST programme for Elective Recovery and Transformation focussed on outpatients. A significant number of C&M patients waiting for treatment are outpatients and this area has rightly, attracted an amount of national planning focus for 2023/4 delivery. A number of planned initiatives and relative performance were discussed.
- The Board then went on to discuss options for and development of a business case for a North Mersey Elective Hub. This programme relates to a multi-year investment from national monies that was signed of by NHSE England in the spring of 2022. Parameters including geographies were set at that time however, detailed plans to release already committed investments needed to be developed this year. A discussion on the need for enhanced capacity and treatment in gynaecology and ophthalmology were discussed and supported in principle.
- The Board also received final draft copy of the CMAST Annual Work Plan, which has been requested by the ICB for consideration at its Board meeting in May. The plan sets out CMAST's operating environment, approach and priorities and goes on to describe the scope, delivery priorities and any applicable targets for each of CMAST programmes through 2023/4. The Board provided their endorsement to this document and reflected on the need to include CMAST's contribution to the ICB's Financial Recovery Plan as had recently been committed too.

2. Recommendations

The Board of Directors is asked to note the update.