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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – FORMAL RESPONSE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 002137

I refer to your freedom of information requested received on 9th October 2020 requesting information in respect of the CCG's Covid 19 Phase 3 Plans.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire CCG and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold some of the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below.

Established on 1 April 2020, the CCG is a newly formed public sector organisation, though we hold information pertaining to NHS Lincolnshire East, NHS Lincolnshire West, NHS South Lincolnshire and NHS South West Lincolnshire CCGs which date back to April 2013. Where appropriate for the request we have indicated below which of the above previous organisations the information relates to.

REQUEST AND RESPONSE

1.0	<p>Please could you let me know if, or when, the system Phase 3 System plans to restore critical services you recently created will become publicly available?</p> <p>This includes both the numerical submission submitted through the Strategic Data Collection Services and/or the short plan commentary submitted to the regional planning mailbox. We read here, in the "<i>Implementing phase 3 of the NHS Response to the COVID-19 pandemic</i>" publication dated 7th August 2020 that these reports would be ready on the 21st September 2020.</p>	<p>RESPONSE:</p> <p>The Lincolnshire system is striving to achieve as best it can the priorities identified in the 'Third Phase of NHS Response to COVID-19' letter from Simon Stevens (NHS Chief Executive) Amanda Pritchard (NHS Chief Operating Officer) issued on 31/07/20. Lincolnshire's plans have been informed by the subsequent 'Implementing phase 3 of the NHS response to the COVID-19 pandemic' guidance published on 07/08/20.</p>
2.0	<p>If you are unable to share these plans, please could you let me know if you are able to share any information on the following:</p>	

(a)	What % of critical service capacity are you aiming to restore in the coming months?	<p>RESPONSE:</p> <p>Delivery against the Phase 3 requirements will be reported to the NHS Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group's Governing Body on a monthly basis. The Phase 3 dashboard will include metrics for all elements included in the original Phase 3 letter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore full operation of all cancer services • Recover the maximum elective activity possible between now and winter • Restore service delivery in primary care and community services • Expand and improve mental health services and services for people with learning disability and/or autism • Continue to follow good COVID-19-related practice to enable patients to access services safely and protect staff • Prepare for winter • Workforce • Health inequalities and prevention
(b)	Which types of elective surgery will be prioritised by your system?	<p>RESPONSE:</p> <p>In terms of elective surgery, prioritisation is based on clinical urgency.</p>
(c)	Do you plan on adopting a 'hub' model, situating elective surgeries or specialities only in certain trusts or hospitals? If so, can you share which ones?	<p>RESPONSE:</p> <p>Lincolnshire does not currently have a formal elective hub model. However, as part of the system's/United Lincolnshire Hospital NHS Trust's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a temporary Green site model has been implemented at Grantham Hospital from 29/06/20, in order to: minimise hospital transmission of COVID-19 to protect patients and staff; increase public confidence in accessing services again and support the restoration of cancer services, elective surgery and non-surgical procedures. Further information, including a review of performance of the Green site in restoration of services to date, can be found here (item 6.1).</p>

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Mr Sean Lyons, CCG Chair
Mr John Turner, Chief Executive

Arden & GEM Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit
FOI TEAM, Room 18
Scarsdale Hospital
Chesterfield
S41 7PF

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the CCG.

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Website: <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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Yours faithfully

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Information Governance Officer

***On behalf of
NHS Lincolnshire CCG***