



CMAST BULLETIN



Welcome message

Linda Buckley Managing Director, CMAST, for and on behalf of our members

Hello and a warm welcome to our new style CMAST monthly bulletin.

As I know you will appreciate our operating environment keeps developing and changing and so is CMAST. Accordingly, I am delighted to share with you our new look monthly bulletin for June. We are extremely conscious how busy you are and how much communication we all now receive via email and other mediums. With so much going on and so much content we could share we have decided to embrace a 'must know' approach for our briefings, focussing our communication with you on key headlines from the preceding month. We hope you appreciate this new and focussed approach but we'd love to receive your feedback so do please let us know what you think?

In the last month the CMAST Leadership Board met on 5th July and discussed three substantive items as follows:

A discussion, led by the ICB, on the recently announced Investigation and Intervention process initiated by NHSE which identifies a number of systems that will receive closer scrutiny in the short term linked to the size and scope of their deficit. C&M is working to identify a preferred supplier to work with and is keen to use those with familiarity of the patch and who are able to provide a consistent and dedicated team. Transparency, disclosure and focussed effort on 'sticky' areas were felt to be the key to delivering as positive an outcome as possible for the ICS.

A draft case for change for Women's Services in Liverpool was presented to the group with opportunity for Q&A and exploration of any related system challenges and interdependencies.

Finally the Board was provided with the underpinning detail of the Efficiency at Scale Programme which explored more fully its wider system contribution, connections and detailed deliverables to date – including significant cost savings over and above existing Trust cost improvement plans.

Elective Recovery

Senior Responsible Officer: Janelle Holmes
Programme Director: Jenny Briggs

Cheshire and Merseyside
Acute and Specialist Trust Provider Collaborative

As of June 2024

2,353

patients waiting over 65 weeks for treatment.

We will need to clear

17,504

patients to meet the national requirement to clear 65 weeks by September deadline

We have cleared over

10,000

potential breach patients in the last month

Outpatients

96,374

appointments diverted through specialist advice initiatives. This includes Advice and Guidance utilisation and Referrals Assessment Service (RAS).

Missed appointments improved by 1% as a result of a reduction in **Do Not Attends (DNAs)** to circa 8%

PIFU (Patient Initiated Follow Up) prevented over

130,000

follow up appointments.

Theatres

Three of our trusts are meeting the national target of

85%

capped theatre utilisation

- Walton Centre
- Liverpool Heart and Chest
- East Cheshire

We have identified over

500

patients for transfer to our new surgical hub for faster treatment



<https://whh.nhs.uk/about-us/news-events-and-features/latest-news/first-phase-92m-theatre-re-development-opens-halton-hospital>

Clinical Pathways (CPP)

Senior Responsible Officer: Simon Constable
 Programme Directors: Jenny Briggs / Helen Murphy

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The CPP team has received confirmation from NHS England regarding the successful bid for funding for a 12-month dermatology pilot of an AI solution (Skin Analytics) in Cheshire and Merseyside (C&M). The pilot has gained support from the Cheshire and Merseyside Dermatology Alliance.

Ophthalmology

SPOA

Single Point of Access

Pilot launched on 1st July in Cheshire, Halton, St Helens and Knowsley.

All urgent and routine referrals from Optometrists and GPs will now be sent to the SPoA service, triaged by specialist optometrists and directed to the most appropriate service.

Visits to Trusts scheduled from

July onwards

to observe the cataract only pathway and conduct deep dives with operational and clinical teams alongside **Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT)** colleagues

Gynaecology

The Menopause Pilot

(between LWH and Liverpool PCN) has completed its mid-point evaluation. Exploration into how the model may be scaled to benefit the wider C&M population begins in **July**

There is ongoing work on a project brief detailing the potential for **utilising CDCs for ultrasound capacity** for patients with pelvic pain. A pilot is currently proposed to begin in **September 2024**

CPP continue to attend and support the **Ambulatory Programme Board** for LWH/C&M capacity. Clinical Pathway priority areas have been defined with the Clinical Lead.

ENT (Ear nose and Throat)

ENT Alliance Membership formally agreed outcomes and next steps from the relaunch event that took place in April.



[Innovation in Ear Nose and Throat Surgery :: Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust \(liverpoolft.nhs.uk\)](#)

Cardiology

Provider Alliance workshop held:

Agreed scope and decision-making criteria for the cath lab provision options appraisal (to be launched in June)

Agreed scope and key objectives of the Cardiology Provider Alliance for 2024/25

Launched the Cardiac Transformation Programme Leadership Group in collaboration with the Cardiac Clinical Network

Continue to achieve **90%** of DM01 patients being seen within 6 weeks by end of April 2024, maintaining 1st position out of 42 ICSs for performance

1,259,788

overall activity –
12% above plan

Launched Physiological
Sciences Network



3000+

patients have accessed
tests through mutual aid

Endoscopy

First draft completed of
digital vision for
Endoscopy



Hub capacity agreed for
Countess of Chester
Hospital patients

98%

All Trusts delivering >98% of core
capacity

Carrying out targeted work to
understand why patients DNA
appointments in endoscopy with
Healthwatch

Pathology

LIMS

All 5 trusts approved Full
Business Case (FBC) for
LIMS

Remedial action underway
following an executive meeting
with digital pathology supplier to
address stakeholder concerns

TOM (3 Hub Target Operating Model)

Planning assumptions for
main laboratory
subspecialties agreed

Options appraisal process
agreed to determine which
tests to prioritise for
repatriation back to C&M



- [Publication of the Infected Blood Inquiry report :: Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust \(liverpoolft.nhs.uk\)](#)

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information regarding the
latest news!

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Physiological Sciences



18th April
C&M
Physiological
Sciences
Network
launched

Network Clinical Lead role appointed. **Lauren Parry**, Principal Clinical Scientist (Audiology) at Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, will start on 1st July.

Year 1
Work Plan
agreed

Radiology/Imaging

GIRFT Review-Getting it right the first time- successfully completed

AI for Chest X-Rays – Hosted first meeting with supplier and East Cheshire

Diagnostic IT Network
6 circuits connected, 19/26 circuits routed

PACS Based Reporting (PBR)

Completed training numbers:

- Alder Hey at 95%
- Walton Centre – roll-out expected in June
- Mid Cheshire, CoCH and LUHFT - 100%,
- LHCH - 60%
- WHH – paused training

CDCs

10
sites open in line
with agreed plans
for 24/25



Received confirmation for 2
pilot pathways (£310k
additional funding)

CDC Sustainability Review Project
approved for implementation



- [New Wirral Diagnostics Centre | Wirral University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust \(wuth.nhs.uk\)](#)



Members of the Radiology Imaging Network attend the 9th NHS Radiology Summit



Members of the Pathology Network attend the NHS North West Histopathology Workshop

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Findings following a deep-dive review of estates and digital non-pay expenditure were presented to the E@S programme board in June 2024

The annual National Corporate Services Data Collection has been issued to providers for completion by 23rd July 2024



Two Health Care Supply Association, Excellence in Supply award wins for E@S:

Nina Russell, Programme Director, **NHS Champion in Support of Procurement** award

Sue Colbeck, Chief Procurement Officer for C&M, **Procurement Excellence** award

Medicines Optimisation

Specialised commissioning has approved £950k of investment to support the delivery of the high-cost drugs and devices QIPP (Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention) plan which will release

£9m

of recurrent savings across NHSE & ICB commissioned services.

Finance/Legal

C&M have been selected as a case study for the national additional indemnity insurances task and finish group. A number of options will be developed and presented back to senior leadership within NHSE.

Procurement

A saving of

£3.8m

has already been delivered against the

£7.1m

24/25 procurement workplan.

A contract management service for ICS-wide contracts has been secured, delivering one of the core procurement strategic objectives for 24/25, and will commence from

1st June 2024