



CMAST BULLETIN



Welcome message

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

CMAST Leadership Board met on 6th December discussing a number of system issues as follows:

The Leadership Board were joined by Trust Chairs for a quarterly update on programme deliverables through the first half of the financial year. A summary of progress to date can be found [here](#) and was both widely noted and celebrated by those present.

The Board also received an update on recent system discussions and was asked to feedback, outside of the meeting, on the suggestion that there could be one provider collaborative within C&M. Board feedback was particularly sought on anticipated benefits and any areas which should be subject to wider exploration.

Update papers were also provided on the following areas:

- System financial report
- System performance update

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



[Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust - MWL NHS | News](#)

Elective Recovery

Senior Responsible Officer: Janelle Holmes
 Programme Director: Jenny Briggs

Cheshire and Merseyside

Acute and Specialist Trust Provider Collaborative

In November 2024:

909

65-week patients
and

29

78-week patients.

Some Trusts are anticipating residual risks in delivering 65-weeks in December and the team are working closely with providers to ensure that all mutual aid and operational tactical measures are undertaken to support the position.

Validation improvement plans and trajectories have been completed, and the actual position is being tracked weekly which is reporting positive increases of up to

7%

Outpatients

Successfully relaunched the **C&M Operational Delivery Group** to capture Trust improvement plans across the **Further Faster** priorities with final Trusts reporting next month, and the format aligned to the revised regional reporting requirements.

Achievement of the national value against Further Faster metrics continues as a system for Remote Consultations and ERF Activity.

Urology Pathway mapping, capacity and demand modelling and clinic template variation review continuing with pilot Trust.

Completed agenda and session format for the Clinical Leads Workshop in December focused on the priorities, challenges and FF improvement metrics.

Theatres

79% capped theatre utilisation (improvement).

Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital the second best performer in country for capped utilisation and Wirral University Teaching Hospital and East Cheshire Trust are in quartile 4.

Gynaecology

The reason for referral audit funded by Elective Recovery is now complete and is being summarised with recommendations.

Planning for expansion of Liverpool Women's Hospital (LWH) Menopause community clinics continues and expected to commence in February 2025 within Sefton. Modelling completed to understand freed up capacity within LWH.

Work to begin to support Wirral University Teaching Hospital in PCN collaboration and with Endometriosis pathways.

Cardiology

The second part to the **Cardiology Cath Lab Options Appraisal Workshop** took place on 4th November – the group concluded the session by successfully scoring all 4 options against the outstanding scoring criteria.

The outcome of the scoring is to be presented and discussed at relevant forums, such as the CM Cardiac Leadership Group, the CMAST Cardiology Provider Alliance and the CMAST CPP Leadership Group to agree next steps for the Cardiology Provider Alliance.



[Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital | NEWS: Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital Successfully Implants World's First Leadless Dual Chamber Pacemaker](#)

Ophthalmology

In November 2024, the **Advice and Guidance Pilot** went live with Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS FT and Countess of Chester Hospitals NHS FT. As with the current pilot underway at East Cheshire NHS Trust, this will link community optometrists directly with consultant ophthalmologists for specialist advice and guidance. The pilots across all 3 Trust's will run until end of March 2025.

Following the successful **NHSE Eyecare Accelerator funding bid**, we are working closely with the C&M ICB on the procurement and commissioning requirements regarding the implementation of the Glaucoma Enhanced Case Finding service pilot.

ENT

Strategic discussions around improved C&M **ENT resilience and longevity** have begun; options to become more sustainable will be outlined for further discussion and sight by appropriate governance.

Dermatology

The **Dermatology Alliance** is focused on the roll out of Skin Analytics, with all trusts currently in the process of developing system and clinical pathways and completing key project milestones. The majority of trusts have set a target to go-live January 2025.

91.2%

of patients waiting 6 weeks or less (1.3% increase from the previous month)

#3

ICS ranking remained stable at 3rd out of 42 ICS

Endoscopy

Halton Endoscopy Hub is providing additional capacity for up to 400 slots of Colonoscopy or Gastroscopy per month. The Hub capacity has already been utilised by Warrington and Halton Hospital, Countess of Chester Hospital and University Hospitals of Liverpool Group.

List productivity – Utilisation of lists is at 112.45% (19th November).

Network is interviewing for **Deputy Clinical Lead** in December 2024, with a view to have a candidate in post by January 2025.

Midlands and Lancashire Digital Transformation team have been commissioned to support implementation of SOLUS V2



[Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust launches new trans-nasal endoscopy service | Countess of Chester Hospital](#)

Pathology

TOM

(3 Hub Target Operating Model)
East Hub outline business case (OBC) approved by Warrington and Halton Hospital board

LIMS

(Laboratory Information Management System) – Official programme launch held 11th and 12th November

Workforce workstreams established for South and East hubs to support delivery of future models.

Digital Pathology- In progress of securing £1.25m of revenue funding to support further adoption of DigiPath and to move towards NHSE targets of 50% of digital reporting.



[Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Trust - National Pathology Week - 4 to 10 November](#)

Physiological Sciences

Progressing work on expanding sleep studies, echo, spiro and audiology tests at CDCs

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Echocardiology Clinics

Product demonstration and planning sessions held with Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospital and University Hospitals of Liverpool Group.

Enhanced GP Direct Access for COPD, asthma and heart failure

Final proposal produced.

Service and financial models required to deliver additional tests developed at C&M and Place level.

Radiology/Imaging

PACS Based Reporting

A change to the report distribution issue was approved and made on behalf of all trusts. Tests have been undertaken and this has gone well to date.

CAMRIN Radiology Clinical Reference Group

Discussed new arrangements for Gynae clinical representative

AI For Chest X-rays

Go-live to be completed November 2024. CAMRIN waiting for data from C&M ICS to complete data return.

Workforce

CAMRIN Recruitment and retention policy written in conjunction with ICB R&R leads



[Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust - MWL NHS | News](#)



[First patient joins radiotherapy clinical research trial :: The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre](#)

Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs)

Sustainability Project

Following the success of the 23/24 sustainability review the project has been recommissioned to deliver another piece of work across C&M. The project is due for completion January 2025.

Re-profiling

H2 re-profiling has been approved and sites now working to re-profiled plans

Pathways

VIN & Shopping City's pathway bids have been approved and signed off.



[Parking to be limited at Congleton War Memorial Hospital from 2nd to 13th December as work continues on new Community Diagnostic Centre :: East Cheshire NHS Trust](#)

Contact us for more information regarding the latest news!

ccf-tr.candmdiagnosticprogramme@nhs.net

C&M has been selected as a key stakeholder in supporting the national additional indemnity insurances programme following the scoping work that has taken place within C&M over the past year.

Medicines Optimisation

The QIPP 24/25 target is forecast to deliver

£20.2m

in primary care

£7.6m

was delivered in September



[Help reduce medication waste and support the NHS across Cheshire and Merseyside :: Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Procurement

The E@S Procurement Programme Director, Sue Colbeck, was awarded the **Procurement Excellence Award** at the national Healthcare Supplies Association Annual Awards (HCSA) for the C&M region.



Sue Colbeck and Nina Russell, E@S Programme Director both spoke at the **HCSA Annual Conference & Exhibition.**



76% of the 24/25 procurement workplan has been delivered. A saving of

£5.4m

has already been delivered against the

£7.1m

workplan.