

Agenda Item GB 13
Attachment 7a

Governing Body
EU “No Deal” Update

1.0 Introduction

In early December 2018, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care issued information on the Government’s revised border planning assumptions to industry and the health and care system. The letters focused on supply chain implications in the event that the United Kingdom (UK) leaves the European Union (EU) without a ratified agreement on 29 March 2019 – a ‘no deal’ exit.

Delivering the deal remains the Government’s top priority and is the best ‘No Deal’ mitigation. But in line with the Government’s principal operational focus on national ‘No Deal’ planning, actions must now be taken locally to manage the risks of a ‘no deal’ exit.

To inform preparations, an EU Exit Operational Readiness Guidance has been developed and agreed with NHS England and NHS Improvement. This Guidance sets out the local actions that Providers and Commissioners of Health and Adult Social Care Services in England should take to prepare for EU Exit.

2.0 Commissioner Requirements / Role:

Based on the EU Exit Operational Readiness Guidance Document, the requirements of the CCG are as follows:

- Ensuring that our contracted Health and Care Services are ready to manage the risks arising in a ‘no deal’ exit.
- Business Continuity Planning, incorporating local risk assessments and escalating any points of concern on specific issues to the relevant National Mailboxes.
- Liaising with Providers of services commissioned, to ensure they are taking account of the actions for Providers outlined in the Guidance.
- Supporting Providers to test existing Business Continuity and Incident Management Plans against EU Exit risk assessment scenarios.
- Discussing at Commissioner Board level on a regular basis to ensure sufficient oversight.

3.0 Commissioner Responsibilities

There are Seven key areas where the Government is focussing 'no deal' exit contingency planning in the Health and Care System, and where local action is required:

1. Supply of medicines and vaccines;
2. Supply of medical devices and clinical consumables;
3. Supply of non-clinical consumables, goods and services;
4. Workforce;
5. Reciprocal healthcare;
6. Research and clinical trials; and
7. Data sharing, processing and access.

4.0 The CCG's Approach

- The Frimley South System Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) has been identified – Rob Morgan. The SRO for NEH&F CCG from a Hampshire Partnership perspective is Ruth Colburn Jackson. They are required to have executive oversight of the preparations and insight around any Risks
- The Supporting Officer to the SRO for Frimley South System is Jayne Tunstall – Head of System Resilience for NEH&F and Surrey Heath CCG's. The Supporting Officer will support the SRO in coordinating correspondence received, monitoring updates from Providers, regularly briefing the SRO and Lay Member and ensure the Risk Register and Action Tracker are maintained.
- The CCG's overall Objectives are to gain an **insight** and **assessment** into the CCG's and Providers preparation, position and any risks identified in relation to a "No deal" EU Exit situation.
- An Action Tracker has been produced following the Extended Internal Resilience Meeting which was held recently regarding detailed discussions regarding Brexit and the actions that need to take place. This Action Tracker will be continually updated and then discussed at the Internal Resilience Group.
- NEH&F CCG Quality Team have contacted all Providers (contractors) on behalf of NEH&F and Surrey Heath CCG's to ascertain the information required in order to have insight into their preparation for EU Exit and any Risks identified by the Provider.
- Add any Local Risks identified, to the NHSE Regionally produced Risk Register, which will then be reviewed regularly, added to and monitored for a reduction of Risk through mitigation as time progresses.

5.0 Governance / Reporting Process

There are a number of Teams / Local Meetings / Forums, as detailed in the Table below, where the CCG and our Partners Brexit Operational Readiness will be assessed, updated and reviewed.

Meetings / Teams	Comments
<p>Hampshire and Isle of Wight NHSE – Regional Team</p>	<p>A number of specific National Enquiry Mail boxes are available where any query can be sent and a response received.</p> <p>We await further instruction around the next set of requirements.</p> <p>We are awaiting further information in relation to the required NHSE reporting process.</p>
<p>Frimley ICS Urgent and Emergency Care Delivery Board</p>	<p>In respect of the Frimley ICS System – This Board Meeting is where System Partners Oversight, Risks and Actions are discussed and reviewed.</p> <p>The ICS will be in a position to have insight into any Risks that may impact on System Performance.</p> <p>Insight and understanding will also be gained from Providers in relation to Preparedness and Business Continuity Planning.</p>
<p>Governing Body (NEH&F and Surrey Heath CCG's)</p>	<p>Regular updates to the Governing Body in respect of insight gained regarding Risks, mitigating actions, issues identified for both the CCG itself and also our Providers.</p>

	<p>Updates around the National Directives and any further developments.</p>
<p>NEH&F and Surrey Heath Lay oversight – Elaine Budd</p>	<p>Regular Brief on progress locally in terms of Operational readiness / Assessments and Plans for the CCG’s and Providers.</p> <p>Identification of Risks and Business Continuity Planning.</p> <p>Ensure all actions taken and identify any further work required.</p>
<p>Internal Resilience Group (Internal CCG’s Meeting)</p>	<p>Co- Chaired by the Accountable Emergency Officers for the CCG’s.</p> <p>A Forum for CCG Managers / Leads - where Risk Assessments / Risk Register for EU No Deal Exit are discussed , collated.</p> <p>Monitor Action Tracker and add any additional actions as and when required.</p> <p>Concerns or questions raised. Intelligence shared. Insight and Oversight of the “Readiness” takes place at this meeting.</p> <p>Briefings and updates given by the EU Exit Support Officer to ensure all Managers up to date and further actions can be taken.</p>
<p>Workstream Leads across the Hampshire Partnership</p>	<p>Workstream Leads across the Hampshire Partnership have been identified to obtain intelligence or “answers” on behalf of the Partnership around specific subject matter in order to avoid duplication.</p>

	<p>Surrey Heath CCG will share the intelligence and approach where relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication – Elizabeth Kerwood • Assurance/Finance/Data Sharing-IG – Roshan Patel • People – Julia Barton/ Fiona White • Medicines Management/Primary Care - Kirsten Lawrence
<p>CCG Team Briefs</p>	<p>Due to the sensitive nature of the subject, any communication releases will be received from National Comms Team as to appropriate consistent messaging.</p> <p>Every effort will be made to ensure staff in the CCG's are kept abreast of the evolving picture as much as possible and the approach being taken.</p>

7.0 In Conclusion

Given the evolving picture almost on a daily basis and with some considerable uncertainty as to the outcome on the 29th March 2019, together with the political sensitivities surrounding this whole issue, with a number of the Risks either being centrally “managed” or there isn’t a specific mitigation locally that can eradicate the Risk, the CCG’s nor our Providers are in a position at this time to provide absolute **assurance** as to the impact of the preparedness and Risk mitigation currently in place .

The CCG and Providers Business Continuity Plans are being reviewed in order to ensure the Plans are in place to maintain services as far as possible given what we currently know.

The CCG will continue to comply with any National Directives, follow the Operational Readiness Guidance Action Cards, implement the CCG Action Tracker and communicate effectively with our Partners whilst working hard to ensure we have ongoing insight into our own and our Provider Risks, the

potential impacts and any further issues identified in the future as the situation evolves both nationally and locally.