

**Report for:** **Health and Social Care  
Scrutiny Sub-Committee**

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**Date of Meeting:** 29 November 2022

**Subject:** London North West University  
Healthcare NHS Trust update on  
System Winter Planning

**Responsible Officer:** Simon Crawford, Deputy Chief  
Executive, London North West  
University Healthcare NHS Trust

**Scrutiny Lead  
Member area:** Health: Councillor Chetna Halai

**Exempt:** No

**Wards affected:** All wards

**Enclosures:** **Appendix 1 - System Winter Planning**

## **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

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This report and supporting appendix set out the progress made in preparation of the Trust's winter plans in recognition of the on-going emergency demand and pressures faced by acute Trust hospitals.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Health and Scrutiny Sub-Committee note the progress with the Trust winter plans and strategy development.

## **Section 2 – Report**

### **Introductory paragraph**

#### **Winter Plan**

Every year in preparation for winter the Trust undertakes a detailed planning and review exercise with its key partners in health and social care to anticipate the likely demand for emergency activity in the peak winter months as impacted by flu, respiratory illness, and the impact of cold weather on the frail and vulnerable. The exercise compares historic levels of demand, current demand, and capacity constraints, as well as anticipating future spikes by assessing wider knowledge, for example the impact of flu in Australia, etc.

Having assessed the impact of increased demand, plans are then developed to help the hospital manage the likely increased presentations to the A+E department and demand for acute medical bed admissions. This then results in a series of agreed measures developed with local authority colleagues and health partners to increase hospital capacity and/or divert patients into appropriate alternative services in the community. The winter plan is discussed and agreed at the LNWH Urgent and Emergency Care Board.

Attached as Appendix 1 is a set of slides detailing the key schemes that make up this year's winter plan.

#### **Ward Councillors' comments**

Not applicable as report relates to all wards.

#### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial issues associated with this report.

#### **Performance Issues**

There are no performance issues associated with this report.

#### **Environmental Impact**

There is no environmental impact associated with this report.

## **Risk Management Implications**

There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

## **Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty**

To ensure; Trust Strategy development has taken account of community, patient and staff views in its development and St Marks changes do not adversely impact patient care and outcomes.

## **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Not required for this report.

## **Mandatory Checks**

Ward Councillors notified: No, as it impacts on all wards

## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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