

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Coronavirus	Date: 5 March 2020		
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Purpose				
To update Board on the Trust's response to Coronavirus			Approval	
			Assurance	X
			Update	X
			Consider	
Strategic Objectives				
To provide outstanding care	To promote and support health and wellbeing	To maximise the potential of our workforce	To continuously learn and improve	To achieve better value
X	X	X	X	X
Overall Level of Assurance				
	Significant	Sufficient	Limited	None
		X		
Risks/Issues				
Financial	X			
Patient Impact	X			
Staff Impact	X			
Services	X			
Reputational				
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
N/a				
Executive Summary				
<p>Coronavirus Public Board Update</p> <p>On 31 December 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) was informed by the People's Republic of China of cases of pneumonia of unknown cause associated with the city of Wuhan in central China. On 9 January 2020, the WHO announced a novel coronavirus had been detected in patient samples in Wuhan and it was classified as an airborne high consequence infectious disease (HCID) in the UK. On 11 February, the WHO named the syndrome caused by this novel coronavirus as COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019.) The Coronavirus Study Group (CSG) of the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses has designated the aetiological agent 'severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2' (SARS-CoV-2).</p> <p>The outbreak of infection, which started in Wuhan, has since spread to all provinces of China as well as a number of other countries, including, as of 31 January 2020, the UK. In response to the growing number of confirmed cases, the WHO declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on 30 January 2020. NHS England and NHS Improvement are currently leading the national response to COVID-19 and are working in close partnership with Public Health England.</p>				

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS FT response in line with regional and national planning

Operational response – We have an Incident Control Team which is an executive committee and reports to the executive team on weekly basis. This is chaired by Dave Selwyn, Medical Director/ Director of Infection Prevention and Control.

Fit testing - A widespread FIT testing plan is in place with initial focus given to front line staff and admission/access areas most likely to receive patients. FIT testing rotas remain available 24hrs a day to ensure adequate access for all staff. Coronavirus information/education and links are all available for colleagues on our intranet, including training videos for PPE use.

Pod outside ED at KMH - There are two pods located outside of the Emergency Department at King’s Mill Hospital. Symptomatic patients/ public attending Newark Hospital will be asked to call NHS 111, go home and self-isolate or attend the pod at KMH.

Communication and signage - We are aligned to national communications guidance and are communicating regularly with colleagues, and externally with our population and partners. Our intention is to make sure colleagues are well informed in understanding the evolving situation and what their role is in it, while externally we are using national messages to ensure we are containing the virus with clear guidance for patients and visitors about how and where to access advice and testing, including clear signage at all sites.

Supply chain – this is being carefully monitored and managed to ensure we have sufficient volumes of masks and protective equipment.

Finances – we are ensuring appropriate arrangements are in place and recording all costs. Money is not a barrier to providing safe, timely care.

Wider Covid 19 engagement – We are engaged in all national, regional and Integrated Care System Planning and Julie Hogg, Chief Nurse, is the named contact for SFHFT engagement with ICS planning.

Due to the rapidly evolving situation, a verbal update will be provided at Board.

Richard Mitchell, 2 March 2020