



RDS Update June 2020

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Report to the Wessex Cancer Alliance Board

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| Title: | RAPID DIAGNOSTIC SERVICE (RDS) WCA BOARD UPDATE | | | |
| Sponsor | Jane Eshelby RDS Programme Lead | | | |
| Date: | 24/06/20 | | | |
| Purpose | Assurance or reassurance | Approval | Ratification | Information Yes |
| Issue to be addressed: | <p>Update to Board.</p> <p>To note provisional Go-Live date 22.06.20 deferred from April 20 due to Covid 19 Pandemic. Digital solutions being finalised and tested, substantive recruitment commenced for RDS Hub Clinical Team and engagement commenced.</p> | | | |
| Response to the issue: | Soft launch planned initially with a single PCN with RDS referrals for investigations to Poole Hospital. Manual processes to be developed as contingency and interim staffing solution agreed from within UHS teams. | | | |
| Implications: (Clinical, Organisational, Governance, Legal?) | Reputational risk only – patients with Non Specific Symptoms currently managed via existing 2WW referral processes. | | | |
| Risks: (Top 3) of carrying out the change / or not: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Digital solutions to be implemented across 3 systems TPP, Somerset and ICE requiring access, training and embedding 2. RDS Hub staffing – substantive recruitment commenced. Mitigated by ‘secondment’ from existing UHS teams 3. Diagnostic requesting, undertaking of investigations and reporting – subject to ongoing engagement with Poole Hospital colleagues. Letter to be sent to SSG leads and local project resource to be seconded to support implementation initially in Poole but then wider Dorset rollout. | | | |
| Summary: Conclusion and/or recommendation | For Noting | | | |



Launch date and roll out

- Pilot launch delayed by Covid 19 Pandemic and system response to clinical prioritisation
- Soft launch planned with one PCN in Dorset (Poole) 22 June 2020
- Progressing to wider pilot no later than August with 3 Dorset PCNs and 2 in Hampshire already identified as part of expressions of interest process
- Currently recruiting to hub team and finalising IT
- Detailed RDS/PCN implementation plan for all of Wessex to be developed in parallel based on learning in pilots.
- Recruitment underway for project resource to support, initially Poole hospital, Dorset PCN rollout.
- Phase 2 rollout planned to include the remainder of Dorset and the Isle of Wight.
- Phase 3 wider Hampshire





Year 2 Trajectory planning submission

- Year 2 trajectory agreed by national team based on 10% of overall 2WW referrals.
- Go live deferred from April 16th to June 22nd due to Covid 19 pandemic response therefore Month 1 activity covered by 22nd June to 21st July.
- Submitted Non Specific Symptom (NSS) referral trajectory by month:
 - Month 1: **10** Month 2: **25**
 - Month 3: **30** Months 4 and 5: **50**
 - Month 6: **100** Month 7: **150**
 - Month 8: **200** Month 9: **300**
 - Month 10: **350** Months 11 and 12: **500**
- Total 2265 non specific symptoms referrals
- Committed to RDS principles being applied to lung, skin and UGI pathways within year 2 as part of lung optimal pathway, skin pathway reviews and pancreatic cancer pathway as part of RDS Hub implementation as reflected in referral criteria





Further Improvements to be implemented

- Establishment of RDS clinical hub and IT infrastructure based at South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS). Slippage to time scales due to the early development of SCAS's 111 COVID19Response cell. Anticipating delay through to September at the earliest before service can be migrated
- Plans to locate at UHS initially paused as part of decision around recruitment and access to suitable 'social distancing' space
- Contingency plan to second staff halted due to clinical frontline pressures and UHS response to meet COVID demand. Reinstated end of May and being actively pursued as part of planned soft launch June 22nd
- Recruitment into clinical and managerial infrastructure to deliver the clinical RDS service as business as usual

