

Subject:	Cancer Services (Diagnosis and Treatment)		
Date of Meeting:	24 November 2021		
Report of:	Executive Lead, Strategy, Governance & Law		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 This report presents information provided by health partners on the performance of city cancer diagnosis and treatment services, and on plans to make service improvements.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the committee notes the contents of this update report.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 In March 2019 the HOSC considered a report on local cancer diagnosis and treatment. The report identified a number of issues with the performance of local cancer services and outlined some of the plans in place or being developed to improve services. The 2019 report is available to view online (see the background documents section in this report for the links).
- 3.2 The HOSC would have requested an update report in 2020 so as to track improvement. However, due to the Covid outbreak this was not possible. In any case, the pandemic has inevitably impacted on NHS improvement planning, even when, as is the case with cancer, significant efforts were made to continue to provide services through the Covid crisis.
- 3.3 The information submitted by health partners in **Appendix 1** provides the committee with an update on the current performance of cancer diagnosis and treatment services, and on current planning to restore and improve services.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Not applicable to this report for information.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

5.1 None directly in relation to this report.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 Members are asked to note the information submitted by health partners (**Appendix 1**) regarding cancer services performance and planning.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

7.1 None to this report for information

Legal Implications:

7.2 There are no legal implications to this report.

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Equalities Implications:

7.3 None directly. Members may wish to note that particular cancers may have a disproportionate impact on some protected groups; and also that cancer screening programmes may be less effective amongst certain groups than across the population as a whole. In both instances, members may be interested in the steps being taken by commissioners and providers to address these issues.

Sustainability Implications:

7.4 None directly. The current configuration of cancers services means that some patients may have to travel outside their local area to access specialist resources for cancer diagnosis or treatment. This may have a negative impact in terms of carbon emissions. However, this needs to be considered in the context of how best to use finite technological and staff resources to deliver timely treatment and the best possible patient outcomes.

Brexit Implications:

7.5 None directly. There may be a short-term negative impact of Brexit in terms of NHS workforce.

Any Other Significant Implications:

7.6 None identified.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. information on cancer services provided by health partners

Background Documents

1. BH HOSC March 2019 cancer cover report: <https://present.brighton-hove.gov.uk/documents/s137953/cancer%20cover%20v1.pdf>
2. BH HOSC March 2019 cancer report Appendix 1 (information provided by health partners): <https://present.brighton-hove.gov.uk/documents/s138409/Cancer%20IAF%20HOSC%20-%20CCG%20BSUH%20Final.docxv2.pdf>

