

Trust Board

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Report Title:	Inequalities Programme - Update
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Executive summary

Introduction:

The Trust's focus on inequalities is now coming to life in a number of areas and an Inequalities Work Plan has been developed to give this structure. This has been broken down into two key areas of focus: Risk Factor Management including obesity and smoking and the nationally recognised CORE20Plus 5 approach (most deprived 20%, core ICS groups with poorer health outcomes plus 5 clinical areas of health inequalities). There will be a focus on ensuring access to treatment is equitable for all our patients.

Health behaviours and risk factors

- **Tobacco Treatment:** ICS funding secured for Year 1 and Year 2 of the programme with phased roll out planned to potentially start April 2022
- **Healthy Eating Adults:** A refresh and refocus for this initiative is underway with the Deputy Chief Nurses now leading this work.
- **Healthy Eating QI Project, Children & Young People:** The "Nourish" pilot in CO15 is progressing well with good engagement from the children & young people.
- **Making Every Contact Count:** Successful pilot in an Orthopaedic clinic: 103 patients were offered help and 20% took up the offer. Patient feedback was very positive. Next phase of the roll out will be to further clinics in Clacton and Harwich.
- Free MECC training continues to be delivered and over 260 members of staff have taken up this offer so far.

Identification and prioritisation of population groups with poorer outcomes

- **Prioritisation of patients with LD** on elective waiting lists: A Learning Disabilities PTL and SOP has been developed to ensure these patients are brought forward in their priority group to ensure timely pre-operative interventions and offset any diagnostic delay which is often seen in this group of patients.

Access to Service: Clacton Diagnostic Hub

- The Clacton Diagnostic Hub has been open since October 2021 and completed over 35,000 tests so far. Priority has been given to Clacton and Tendring residents to be seen closer to home.

Programme: An Inequalities Strategy is under development working with system partners in conjunction with Board Assurance Framework.

Action Required of the Board

Information paper. To update Board on progress of the Inequalities working group

Link to Strategic Objectives (SO)	Please tick
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SO1	Improve quality and patient outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SO2	Provide better value for money	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SO3	Sustain and improve access to services that meet the needs of the population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SO4	Deliver a sustainable, skilled workforce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Risk Implications for the Trust <i>(including any clinical and financial consequences)</i>	Choose a building block.
Trust Risk Appetite	Quality: The board is cautious when it comes to quality and places the principle of "no harm" at the heart of the decision. It is prepared to accept some risk if the benefits are justifiable and the potential for mitigation is strong
Legal and regulatory implications <i>(including links to CQC outcomes, Monitor, inspections, audits, etc)</i>	Non- compliance with National planning guidance and regulatory bodies will have a negative reputational impact
Financial Implications	Failure to address inequalities will lead to increased use of resources both clinical and financial
Equality and Diversity	Key to this programme is addressing inequity in clinical outcomes for patients, staff and vulnerable groups.