

Stakeholder briefing

Thanks to the continued efforts of the public and our dedicated NHS staff and partners, the south west remains in tier 1. However, you will all be aware that the numbers of people testing positive for Covid-19 are rising throughout the country, with many areas now in tier 2 and several more in tier 3.

We continue to work hard to make sure we are ready for activation if we are needed.

As we advised in our last stakeholder briefing, the clinical and operational model of care for paediatric and ophthalmic day services is being progressed. At present, neither option has yet been approved but as soon as there is any confirmation we will let you know.

Our meeting facilities in the support hub are being used daily and on-site training is taking place in our hospital building to support our system partners.

We remain in standby, ready to care with compassion if we are needed. Should the situation change, we will, of course, let you know in line with our activation plan.

UWE Bristol distinguished lecture series

On 14 October 2020 we were proud to take part in the Bristol Distinguished Lecture Series at the University of the West of England (UWE Bristol) discussing 'responding to a national crisis - building the NHS Nightingale Hospital Bristol'. Panellists included Marie-Noelle Orzel (former Hospital Chief Officer), Tim Whittlestone (Medical Director) and David Snell (Director of Operations, Kier).

452 people joined the panel discussion online and over 50 public questions were submitted. Feedback has been extremely positive.

If you missed it, you can watch a recording of the event [here](#).



Appointment of Chief Operating Officer

We are delighted to announce that Claire Thompson is taking up our vacant Chief Operating Officer (COO) role with immediate effect. Claire has been our Deputy COO since the Nightingale Bristol project began.

Here she is at our opening event on 27 April 2020 with our military and estates partners clapping the tremendous efforts of everyone involved to build and create our hospital in just 24 days.

We took the decision in July not to confirm a replacement for the COO role when Paula Clarke took on the role of Chief Officer, however, as the second surge impact continues to escalate in the south west, it is important we have resilience in the nightingale leadership team.

As Deputy COO, Claire has been extremely effective in maintaining assurance around our ability to activate within 14 days, progressing plans for reuse of our hospital in stand-by and facilitating collaboration around recovery and surge planning for us all as Severn network partners. Claire's appointment has been supported by all of the Severn sub-region provider COOs and North Bristol NHS Trust as host provider for our hospital.

Claire will now take forward the process to identify a stand-by deputy COO as part of our robust activation planning.

Clinical lead for the Severn sub-region of the south west critical care network

Following the successful work of the Severn sub-regional critical care network around the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are delighted to formalise a clinical appointment to support this ongoing work.



Matthew Thomas, clinical director of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at University Hospitals Bristol and Weston has been appointed as the clinical lead for the Severn sub-region of the south west critical care network (and deputy clinical lead for the south west critical care network).

Matt's role will be to lead on ICU development in the sub-region and particularly our combined response to the second wave of the pandemic; in this, he will work closely with Sam Waddy as the overall regional network lead and Aidan Marsh, in his role as clinical director of the NHS Nightingale Hospital Bristol.

We know you will all join us in paying particular testament to Aidan's tireless and professional leadership of the Nightingale and emergent network over recent months and share our enthusiasm that these appointments strengthen our collective response to the ongoing challenges Covid-19 presents.

Please note: during standby our stakeholder briefings will be fortnightly.

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