

HSI22/002

GOVERNING BODY

Title of paper	Covid Incident Status Report – Managing a safe winter, and update on the Omicron wave		
Agenda item	4	Date of meeting	2 February 2022
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Purpose	For decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
	To ratify	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	To note/receive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Link to strategic objective	Operational service delivery
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Executive Summary
<p>The third significant wave of Covid, linked to the Omicron variant, caused cases to rise across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight from mid-November – with the peak in daily cases on 31st December at 5,500 – we are now seeing declining numbers (circa 2,500 per day); but pressure on urgent care services across the CCG area remain very significant, as with any winter period.</p> <p>Key factors impacting urgent care remain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9% growth in pressure for Emergency Department, 111 and 999 services compared to the same period in 2019/20 • Increasing number of patients who are medically fit to leave hospital, but who cannot be discharged to an alternative care setting • Staff sickness at higher levels than a normal winter due to covid isolation <p>Covid case rates per 100,000 population across our 4 local authorities averaged 460 at the start of November, and reached an average of 1280 in early January. They have now started to decline, but cases in hospital remain static, with around 300 patients with covid in hospital at any one time.</p> <p>The paper describes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitalisation rates for Covid across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight ICS area, and how that relates to our models of likely bed surge • Staff sickness trends • The impact on patients of short notice (on the day) elective cancellations, as our occupancy rose to 99%.

- As we move into recovery and restoration all effort is on further increasing elective activity. We have maintained 96% of our elective programme, a higher rate than many other ICS areas in the region

Recommendations	The Governing Body are asked to note the report and the issues raised
Publication	Include on public website <input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide details on the impact of following aspects	
Equality and quality impact assessment	None to note
Patient and stakeholder engagement	A range of communications are in place and planned to update the population on the pressures being faced by health and care, urging the public to make appropriate use of health and care services.
Financial and resource implications / impact	A number of bids have been made against national funds that have been made available to support operational delivery through winter
Legal implications	None to note
Principal risk(s) relating to this paper	The system risks/issues in this report have, where relevant, been linked to an associated Governing Body Assurance Framework (GBAF) risk.
Key committees / groups where evidence supporting this paper has been considered.	Quality Performance Finance and Workforce Committee – 26 th January 2022

Governing Body Members Briefing

Covid Incident / Managing Urgent Care in Winter - Exception Report

Tessa Harvey, Executive Director of Performance

Omicron wave of Covid across HIOW – summary of key position

Case rates

1. The third significant wave of Covid, linked to the Omicron variant, caused cases to rise across HIOW from mid November – with the peak in daily cases on 31st December at **5,500** – we are now seeing declining numbers (**circa 2,500 per day**)
2. Case rates per 100,000 population across our 4 local authorities averaged **460** at the start of November, and reached an average of **1280** in early January

Hospitalisation rates

3. The number of patients in hospital with covid remained well below the modelled predicted peak, and has stabilised at a level of **270** patients in hospital daily on average over the past week – we expect this rate to remain static over the next 4 weeks, before declining – see slide 4
4. The number of patients in ITU beds with covid remained well below the modelled predicted peak across HIOW in totality, but met the modelled peak in Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust. ITU cases across HIOW have stabilised at a level of **18** patients in hospital daily on average over the past week – we expect this rate to remain static over the next 4 weeks, before declining – see slide 5

Staff sickness and Absence Rates – Primary and Secondary Care

5. As at 14 January the staff absence rate for HIOW was **6.2%** for all staff absences, with sickness or self-isolation related to Covid-19 at **2.5%**. We peaked at **7.3%** (total) and **3.6%** (covid) on the 5 January. Sickness is now decreasing across all Trusts and in most Primary Care Practice settings with the exception of the Isle of Wight, where the increase in the Omicron case rate was most recent.
6. In the period September to November, the overall sickness absence rate for HIOW did not increase above **5.8%** and was mostly below this and even below 5% on some occasions. Within Provider Trusts, the highest rates of absence have been seen within HHFT, PHU and SHFT.

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Impact on Acute Occupancy – General Beds and ITU beds

7. The impact of Omicron, as well as general increase in NEL pressures, and the challenges in ensuring patients can be discharged on time has further increased occupancy rates across acute providers which are (at 17th Jan) **95%** (3094 beds open, 2911 occupied)

8. ITU core occupancy has remained close to or at 100% each day against our 90 core beds (19th Jan, 96 occupied ITU beds, **107%** occupancy)

Impact on Elective Care

9. As a result, we have cancelled **389 cases** across HIOW from the period 1st – 18th January on the day of treatment

Clearly, this has an impact on patient experience, and all patients are re-booked within 28 days. We have not cancelled any critical or cancer cases.

10. We have sought support from regional colleagues to maintain cardiac treatments requiring high dependency / ITU care, with plans agreed for a number of patients who would previously been treated in Southampton moved to Oxford

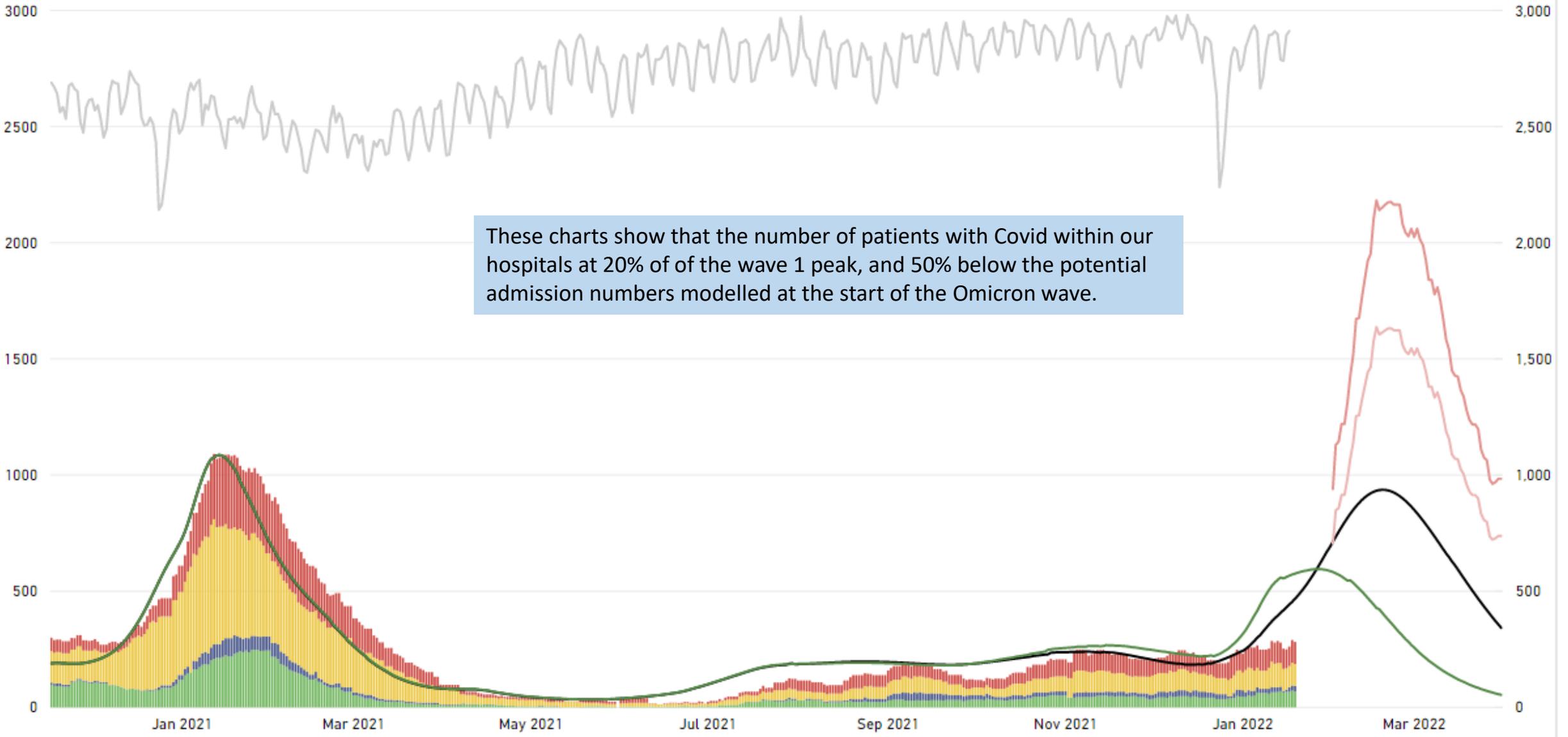
Impact on Primary care

11. In HIOW, there are currently **9 practices** with serious staff shortages reported on 18th January. Numbers have fluctuated over the week, but have reduced slightly. There are no mitigating actions in place for any of the 9 red rated practices shown above, or the 17 amber rated practices. 117 out of 143 practices are currently rated green.

12. See slide 7 for further details.

HSIOW: Covid+ Patients in All Hospital Beds and modelling curves/scenarios

The 4 coloured bars represent admissions within our 4 acute sites of patients with Covid over the last 12 months – with the peak in January 2022, at a quarter of the level of the January 2021 peak.



HSIOW: Covid+ Patients in Critical Care Beds and modelling curves/scenarios

The 4 coloured bars represent admissions within ITU beds at our 4 acute sites of patients with Covid over the last 12 months – with the peak in January 2022, at a quarter of the level of the January 2021 peak.

