

Agenda Item: 7.0

<p><b>Governing Body</b> <i>held in public</i></p>	<p><b>Report</b> Date of Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019</p>
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<b>Report Title</b>	Brexit		
<b>Report Author</b>	<b>Presented By</b>	<b>Responsible Director</b>	
	Ralph McCormack	Ralph McCormack	
<b>Purpose for presenting report</b>	Assurance on Brexit Preparedness		
<b>Action Required:</b>	For note		
<b>Approval Route:</b>	Governing body		
<b>Further Assurance:</b>	EPRR Scrutiny group		
<b>Which Strategic Objectives does this report provide evidence for?</b>			
We will commission high quality, safe and sustainable models of care that deliver effective clinical outcomes and patient experience using evidence based decisions and best practice			
We will ensure that there is a financially sustainable and affordable healthcare system in Bedfordshire.			
We will lead, engage and operate as an effective place based and STP wide system partner to achieve greater integration of care delivery.			
We will support local people and stakeholders to have an influence on services we commission to ensure our decisions are informed and shaped by local views and insights.			
We will operate and manage our Governing Body to the highest standards of accountability and transparency.			
<b>Implications/Assessments</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Have any financial implications been signed off by the Chief Finance Officer?			✓
Have any quality implications been signed off by the Director of Nursing & Quality?			✓
Have any privacy implications been signed off by the Head of Information Governance?			✓
Have any conflicts of interest implications been signed off by the Corporate Office?			✓
Have any public engagement implications been signed off by the Head of Communications & Engagement?			✓
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?			✓
<b>Key Risks</b>	•		
<b>Executive Summary</b>	<p>In December 2018, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care issued information to industry and the health and care system on the Government's revised border planning assumptions. The Government and the EU have not agreed the basis upon which the UK will leave the EU in Oct 2019. A 'No deal' exit is not the Government's policy, but it is our duty to prepare for all scenarios. The Department of Health and Social Care has strengthened its national contingency plans for 'no deal'. With just a few weeks to go until the exit day, we are required to ramp up our own 'no deal' preparations in line with the recently</p>		

published EU Exit Operational Readiness Guidance, which has been developed and agreed with NHS England and Improvement.

A National Operational Response Centre has been established which will work closely with all of the devolved administrations to ensure a co-ordinated approach across the UK is undertaken. The Operational Response Centre will co-ordinate EU Exit-related information flows and reporting across the health and social care system. The Operational Response Centre will not bypass existing regional reporting structures; providers and commissioners of NHS services should continue to operate through their usual reporting and escalation mechanisms. NHS England and Improvement are establishing local, regional and national teams to enable rapid support on emerging local incidents and escalation of issues into the Operational Response Centre as required.

The CCG must consider and plan for the risks that may arise due to a 'no deal' exit, ensuring we continue with business continuity planning, taking into account the instructions in the national guidance and on the specific issues set out in the in relation to seven areas of activity for exit contingency planning listed below.

Ralph McCormack has been appointed as the Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) for Bedfordshire and Luton CCGs with Richard Alsop for Milton Keynes, for this work stream, supported by Mark Meekins Head of Emergency Planning (Bedfordshire and Luton CCGs).

The CCG will be updating the plan which was adopted in March 2019, in terms of:

- Ensuring command and control is in place;
- Seeking ongoing assurance from providers as well as those services in which are commissioned by the CCG;
- Reviewing and monitoring the CCG risks;
- Internal and external communications around Brexit
- Updating and monitoring Business Continuity Planning.