



To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

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From: UHCW NHS Trust

Title: Community Diagnostics Programme Update

1 Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on the Coventry and Rugby CDC development, briefly summarising the scheme as well as outlining the wider healthcare and population benefits expected as a result of the development.

2 Information/Background

In August 2022 UHCW NHS Trust was awarded a significant capital investment of £18.4m to develop a Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) for the Coventry and Rugby area as a part of a national diagnostic improvement programme. The planned development maximises the potential patient benefit by utilising a Hub and Spoke model, and plans have progressed to develop a CDC Hub in the centre of Coventry as well as spoke service at the hospital of St Cross site in Rugby specifically for Endoscopy services.

The new facility in the city centre will be located adjacent to the City of Coventry Health Centre in the Paybody building, which benefits from a clear history and identification as a healthcare campus and its location in the city centre, close to key public transport links and within an area of significant population deprivation makes a strong case for the improvement of accessibility and health outcomes for the local population.

3 Proposal

The new facility will offer a significant increase in diagnostic capacity for the Coventry population and when completed will welcome around 90,000 patients per annum. This increase in capacity will aid healthcare services to see and diagnose patients in a timely manner.

To support this, there is a significant workstream dedicated to patient pathway development, where we aim to expedite diagnosis through the development of one stop clinic pathways as well as direct access for primary care clinicians for some diagnostic tests. The programme team will be working with key stakeholders during the development phase to ensure the most efficient pathways and align diagnostic, treatment and community services to best meet the needs of patients locally.

The CDC programme has set out to ensure that the needs of the local population form the basis of the development. To this effect key patient pathways such as cardiac and respiratory have been prioritised. Echo, ECG and lung function testing will form an integral part of the physiological measurements testing, supporting the diagnosis for heart failure and COPD which are known to be high prevalence locally.

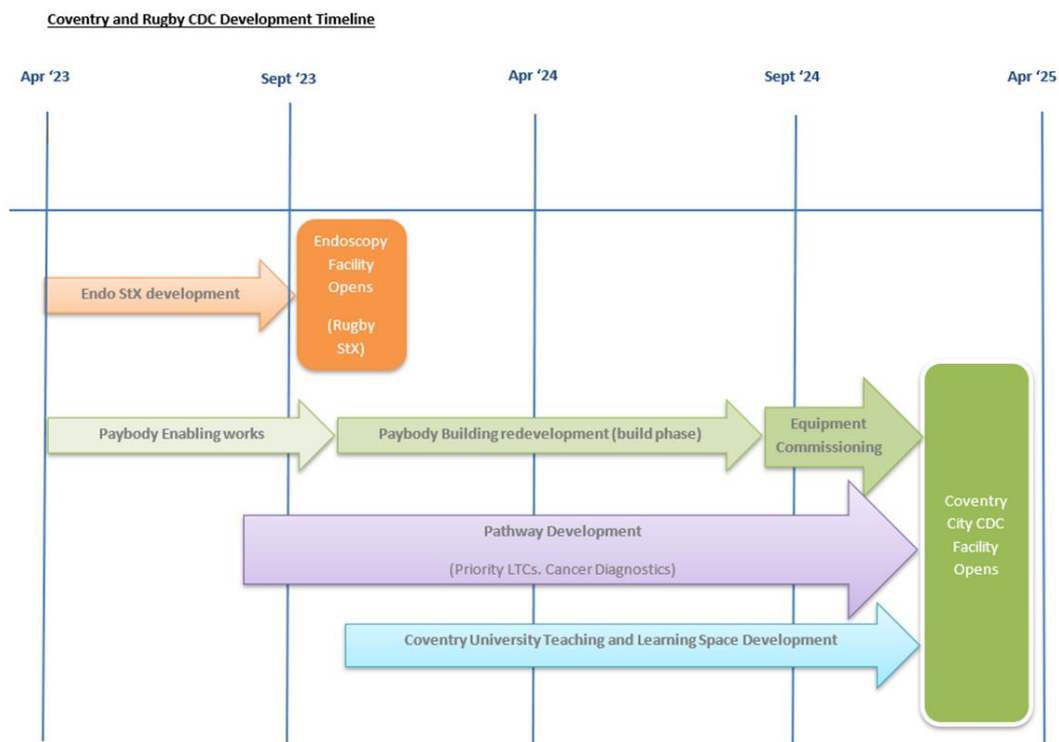
Capacity and pathways to support cancer diagnosis are also prioritised for the programme and capacity for MRI, CT and ultrasound support improvement against the NHS Faster cancer diagnosis standard. In addition both gynaecological and urological pathways will be supported by the development of the CDC.

As a further development to the CDC, UHCW NHS Trust has been working with Coventry University (CU) with a view to co-locating teaching and learning facilities at the CDC to support the development of future staff to support diagnostic modalities. Plans are progressing for CU to occupy part of the first floor of the Paybody building above the CDC. This will support diagnostic teaching alongside the operational service with an increase in placement opportunities and a potential increase in course intake locally.

The trust is also seeking to align continual professional development opportunities for existing staff with the university team to aid in the retention of key staff to the local area.

Working in partnership with the University, the trust also seeks to coordinate the activities of the trust and university to develop a shared research portfolio. Early focus for this research is based around health inequalities across the local population and the alignment of CDC services to CORE20plus5 priorities.

The CDC programme will continue to gather pace, with the building phase at the Paybody site ongoing through 2023/24. The timeline below gives an indication of the planned timeline for the development locally.



During this time, pathway development and a focus on workforce development will continue to ensure the sustainable future of the CDC development.

The CDC development is an integral programme in the Trust's 2022-2030 'More than a Hospital' strategy by providing services in the community and establishing partnerships outside the hospital for the benefit of the local community.

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Appendices

Presentation - Coventry and Rugby Community Diagnostics Programme
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