
WINTER PLANNING UPDATE

Public Health and Health Integration Scrutiny Commission

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Useful information

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1. Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide assurance regarding the plans in place to manage health system pressures across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) over winter 2025/26

2. Recommended actions / decision

Scrutiny Commission is asked to note:

- 2.1. No decision expected, paper is for information

3. Item

3.1 Winter planning is an annual responsibility of health and social care organisations, to manage safe delivery of care with the anticipated increase in demand because of weather conditions and seasonal illnesses.

3.2 Across the health and social care system, winter planning is co-ordinated to ensure that there are robust arrangements to cope with demand and surges in activity, and that agencies are working together to manage pressures to ensure that residents continue to receive safe and appropriate care.

3.3 As part of the annual winter assurance planning process, each Integrated Care Board is asked by NHS England to submit a Winter Plan to ensure the health and care system is fully prepared to manage the increased pressures that typically arise during the winter months (October to March).

3.4 The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee traditionally receives a report regarding the Winter Plan in the early autumn of every year so that it can be assured about the winter ahead.

3.5 The Integrated Care Board considered the 2025/26 Winter Plan at its Board meeting on 14 August 2025. The full Winter Plan consists of a significant number of detailed documents. The appendix to this report provides a summary of the contents.