

## **The six Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent CCGs Virtual Governing Body Meeting - Thursday 30 July 2020**

### **Question re Post-Acute Covid After Care**

On Friday 29 May 2020, NHSE announced the first Seacole Centre to open - link below <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/05/first-seacole-centre-opens-doors-as-nhs-expands-covid-rehab-services/>

This was in recognition that many COVID-19 survivors will require extensive post-acute care and rehabilitation out with an acute hospital. Initially this unit in Surrey will be a 130-bed unit PROVIDED by a NHS body and NOT a care home provider with capacity to increase to 300 beds. Surrey has a population approximately the same as Staffordshire including Stoke-on-Trent. The Seacole concept is to be rolled out nationally.

What has now been identified by the CCGs with partners as the number of 'Seacole beds' that will be required in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent to address the significant rehab needs of our COVID-19 survivors?

### **CCG Answer**

A needs assessment has been undertaken across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent which has taken into account a number of factors including assessing the range of rehabilitation needs that have been experienced by patients infected by COVID-19. This has been undertaken for both individuals discharged into community settings and individuals discharged into a further bed-based setting for rehabilitation.

The highest needs identified were for physiotherapy, mental health support and social care for activities of daily living.

The evidence to date that has been collated by a group of senior clinicians is that there is a very low need at present for bed based rehabilitation for patients who have been on a ventilator following COVID-19 and the need for rehabilitation is more community based.

Any patients requiring bed-based rehab are currently sent to the Haywood Hospital, in Burslem.

Each Integrated Care Partnership (North, South West and South East) have post Covid rehabilitation as a priority and work programmes are in place to ensure rehab needs can be met.