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Improving health and care in Bristol,
North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Covid-19 briefing

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Working together to create a sustainable health and social care system in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire



Summary

- C19 rate continues to be lower in BNSSG/South West than nationwide average
- Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire system coping well: bed occupancy lower than normal
- Support to care providers a key priority
- Demand for non-C19 services beginning to rise
- Now planning for safe service restoration (and addressing backlog) while continuing to manage covid response

Weston General Hospital

- Hospital temporarily stopped accepting new patients (including to A&E) from 25 May
- Clinical decision to maintain safety of staff and patients in response to high number of covid patients
- Provisions in place to care for new patients in other healthcare settings
- Situation under constant review and aim to re-open A&E and accept new patients as soon as possible

PPE

- Significant challenge but systems and processes in place to ensure PPE can reach all parts of system.
- Daily calls with main providers and local authorities to monitor issues/mutual aid needs
- Part of national stock watch system
- Local management system (includes care providers)
- Positive response from local businesses (with WECA support)
- PPE a key consideration for restoration of services

Care providers

- Local authority and CCG working closely together to support care providers
- Additional financial support introduced from April (commissioner fee uplift)
- Public health and NHS direct support with infection prevention and control (also providing training to care providers)
- Monitoring PPE supplies and supporting where necessary
- ‘Wraparound’ support team introduced for care providers with 24/7 single access point

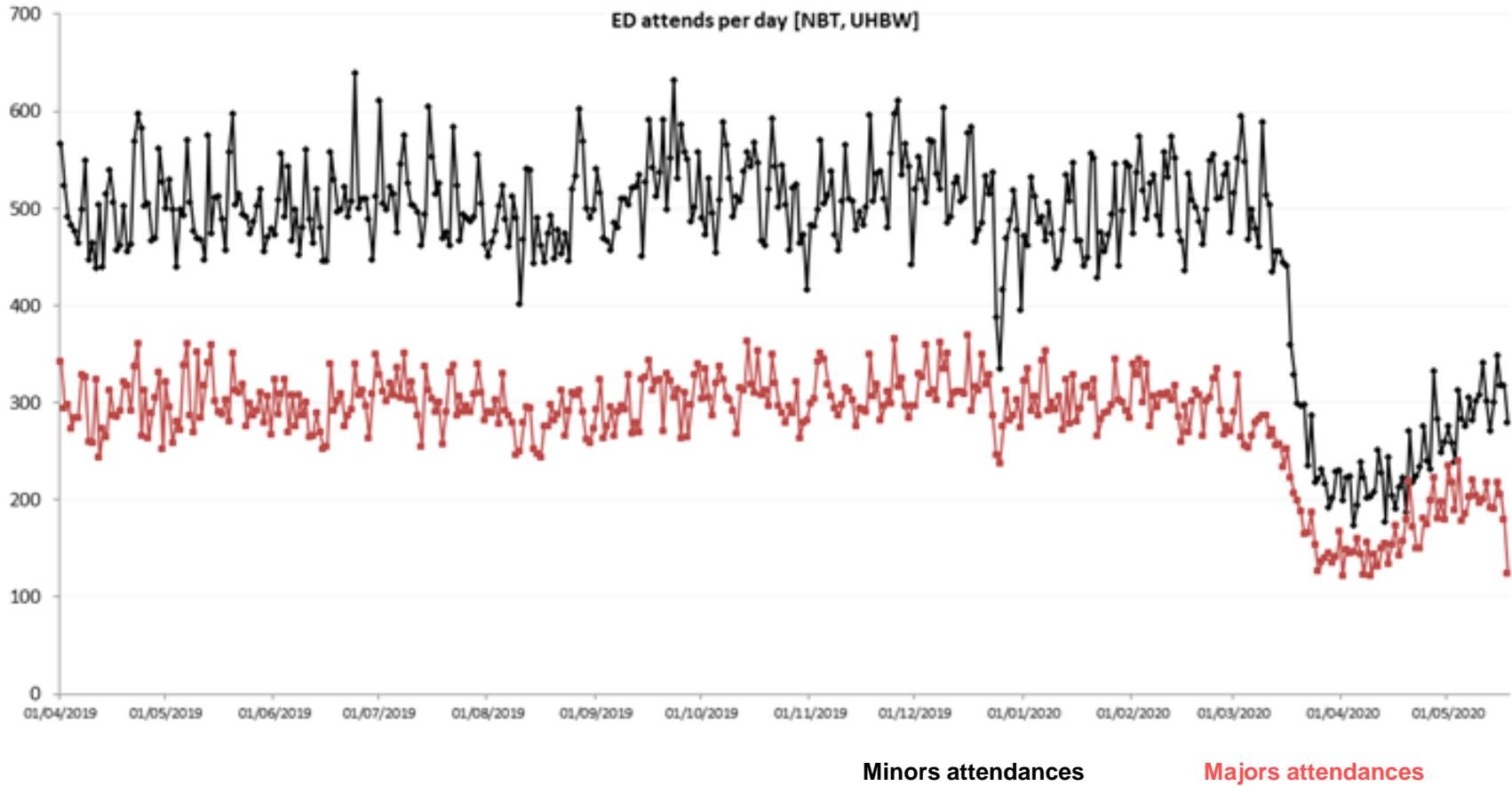
Digital transformation

- C19 response has accelerated transformation of health and care provision across all services
- Increased use of digital/remote consultation methods in primary and secondary care
- Examples from primary care (April 2020) include
 - 77% of consultations were phone/online (54% in April 2019)
 - 100% of practices now using video consultation technology
 - More than 10,000 video consultations
 - 95% of prescriptions issued electronically (up 9% on 04/2019)
- Now seeking to maintain these positive changes as we move towards service restoration

ED Minors

- Sharp fall in Emergency Department attendances for minor conditions during peak covid (see next slide)
- Lower attendances helped hospitals to focus on C19 response during peak covid
- Attendances now beginning to rise
- Patients seeking help is a positive development
- Emphasis now on maintaining appropriate use of services (NHS111, minor injury units) including alternatives to ED for minor conditions

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Thank you

