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Posted on Monday 7th December 2015

Dr Craig Melrose, Interim Medical Director for NHS England North (Cumbria and North East) said:

"We would like to thank staff for their continued support and commitment ensuring patients receive treatment in difficult circumstances."

Local NHS services have taken the difficult decision to cancel some services across the county due to the major incident that has been declared. This decision has not been taken lightly and as soon as weather and road conditions, staffing levels have improved services will be restored to ensure patients receive their appointments and treatment

These are the hospitals and services which have been affected.

Cumbria Partnership Foundation Trust - Staff are working hard to deal with the severe disruption caused by flooding across the county this weekend. We have managed to sustain staffing in all of our community hospitals and mental health inpatient units overnight and into tomorrow.

We will be running essential services only tomorrow across Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, all routine services will be cancelled. The dental centre at the Cumberland infirmary is down due to power failure. This has affected our sterilisation supply across the county therefore emergency dental care is affected across the county.

Community services staff are prioritising patients for visits according to need and have been able to reach patients requiring urgent attention with assistance from mountain rescue where required. Community mental health teams are contacting vulnerable adults to ensure they are safe.

We are advising staff to come into work as normal as long as they are able and it is safe for them to do so. We are very grateful to our staff who are letting us know if they are able to offer extra help or if they have been affected, this is helping the coordinated response as all agencies continue to make sure people are safe.

University Hospital Morecambe Bay Trust – All routine outpatient appointments at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary, Westmorland General Hospital and the Queen Victoria Hospital in Morecambe, are cancelled for Monday 7 December 2015. Most non-urgent elective operations are cancelled at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary and Westmorland General Hospital for Monday 7 December 2015. Patients who were due to have a non-urgent elective operation tomorrow at either the Royal Lancaster Infirmary or Westmorland General Hospital are being asked to contact the Trust on 01524 516095 to find out whether their operation will be going ahead or not.

Any staff who think they may have difficulties attending work should let the hospital know as soon as possible.

North Cumbria University Hospital Trust - At West Cumberland Hospital, if you have an outpatients appointment or an endoscopy or chemotherapy appointment, please attend as normal. If you have an appointment for day case or inpatient surgery tomorrow, the Trust will be contacting individuals to let them know as soon as possible.

At the Cumberland Infirmary, if you have an outpatients appointment unfortunately this will be cancelled tomorrow – we apologise for inconvenience this may cause and appreciate everybody's patience at this difficult time.

If you have a chemotherapy or endoscopy appointment please attend as normal and if you have an appointment for day case or inpatient surgery tomorrow, the Trust will be contacting individuals to let them know as soon as possible

Staff should work as normal if possible – the Cumberland Infirmary is accessible via the city bypass. If you are unable to come to work, please contact your line manager as soon as possible. If any clinical staff can work at CIC tonight, please contact our site coordinators through the switchboard. We would like to thank our staff for their overwhelming support over the weekend.

Cumbria Health On Call – Patients should continue to access the out of hours service as normal by dialling NHS 111. We would like to reiterate that patients should continue to be considerate about using the service so that our staff can treat seriously ill patients at this difficult time.

Where to find cancellation information.

Cumbria Partnership Foundation Trust

- Trust website - <https://www.cumbriapartnership.nhs.uk/>
- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/CPNHSFT/>
- Twitter - @cpfnhsUniversity Hospital Morcambe Bay Trust
- Trust website – www.uhmb.nhs.uk/
- Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/UHMBT/>
- Twitter - <https://twitter.com/uhmbt>

North Cumbria University Hospital Trust

- Trust website - www.ncuh.nhs.uk/
- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/NorthCumbriaNHS/>

Cumbria CCG

- CCG website - <http://www.cumbriaccg.nhs.uk/index.aspx>
- Twitter – <https://twitter.com/NHSCumbriaCCG>

Cumbria Health On call

- Please dial NHS 111

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