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Purpose of the Report

To provide an update the on the status of diagnostics and elective care at BHRUT following significant restrictions and pressures at BHRUT due to the recent rise of Covid cases.

Diagnostics and Elective Position

Tables below sets out BHRUT's current status for routine elective patients. The WL numbers for diagnostic and elective specialities are taken from 27 Dec 2020 and 6 Jan 2021 respectively.

BHRUT Diagnostics Status			
Speciality	WL size	Number of breaches (6 weeks)	Operational status
Echo	1408*	400	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* WL size based on manual count (due to current reporting issues still being resolved)GP requests continue to be diverted to OmnesThere is capacity for 950 patients in January across both sites (including weekend capacity). This is dependent on sufficient staff available in JanuaryContinuing to explore with Omnes if some of the backlog can be outsourced through the extended capacity framework contract.
Magnetic Resonance Imaging	2662	179	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Service provisions continuingWave 2 funded scanner being replaced by a permanent trust owned scanner in February, however there may be a 3-month delay in securing the permanent mobile and NHSE cannot provide a temporary scanner to cover the gapExternal providers on the extended capacity framework have been explored and there are not many that can provide a mobile unit on siteHolly House will continue to support MRI referrals once their mobile unit is back on site – expected mid January.BHRUT are operating extras sessions where possible dependent on staff availability
Computed Tomography	1480	77	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Service provision continuingAlliance scanner contract due to expire – renewal for this is being taken forwardExtended days continued to operate to optimise capacity
Non-obstetric ultrasound	2602	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GP direct access continue to be sent to OmnesUS guided injection have ceased – exploring with ISTC to use some of their capacity
DEXA Scan	275	63	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue to operate scanner through yellow zone at QueensContinuing to scan 10 patients per day and are following enhanced level of cleaning as per protocol adopted in June 2020Between Oct- Dec service ran blitz clinics to reduce the

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Audiology - Audiology Assessments	50	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service continuing • Planning to launch Audiology Led Wax Removal clinics for patients who are referred for tests but have wax in their ears
Urodynamic - pressures & flows	29	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to continue out of KGH
Neurophysiol ogy	63	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to continue service
Endoscopy	969	142	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endoscopy activity operating out of KGH – CDU unit being used as an overflow/discharge area • Working closely with insourcing company to support additional list at KGH • Exploring options with Inhealth to run lists

BHRUT Electives Status – by speciality, PTL data taken on 6 Jan 2021 (Unvalidated)			
Speciality	WL size	Number of 52-week breaches	Operational Status
Physio	255	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority of the remaining service is virtual. • Redeploying some staff over the next few days/weeks to the wards and will probably have around 40% of the service left, run by staff who cannot work on the wards. • Prioritising urgent patients, we do still have some routine virtual activity. This is to make the best use of the remaining staff. • Seeing a small number of face-to-face appointments Mon-Fri, these are patients who are urgent or who have had a telephone assessment and the clinician feels that due to clinical safety a face to face is required.
Orthotics	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent patients and Inpatients only, 4 clinics per site running at 0.5 capacity due to newly introduced infection control procedures when the service resumed previously • Telephone and virtual appointments as and when required, as not always possible. If patients have a telephone or virtual appointment 90% of those patients will still require a face-to-face appointment due to the nature of speciality as bespoke items require extensive fittings, measuring, impressions and castings. • Ongoing staff shortages • Available staff both classed as vulnerable
Pain	1539	196	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elective admissions have been cancelled until end of Jan 2021

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Management			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only virtual clinics operating from Queens – insourcing clinics continue to operate but virtually No current provisions in the independent sector (IS)
General Surgery	4262	158	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective admissions have been cancelled until end of Jan 2021 Only virtual clinics operating from Queens and King Georges Exploring options to outsource 60 pts per week (whole pathways) to London Spire East in Dec - this may change due to cancellation of all electives in January
Trauma & Orthopaedics	5656	198	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective admissions have been cancelled until end of Jan 2021 F2F fracture clinics continuing at Queens, routine clinics all cancelled. Clinics where consultants have available capacity are being delivered virtually, but these are very few. Commencing outsourcing of full (1st OPA undated) and admitted pathways from longest waits to ISTC. Initial volume of 50 pts from the non-admitted side will be taken; 115 patients from the admitted side have already been accepted through triage. Further triaging of cases will continue. Ultrasound guided injections remains a bottleneck (Radiology prioritisation grades for injections are lower). ISTC have offered capacity for 10 patients per month which will be used.
110 - Urology	4053	62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective admissions have been cancelled until end of Jan 2021 Some F2F clinics continuing from KGH w/c 4 and 11 Jan, but these may get cancelled or converted to virtual. Urology outpatient clinics have ceased at Spire H due to recent contract changes
Gynaecology	4743	165	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective admissions have been cancelled until end of Jan 2021 Face to face clinics are cancelled – only operating virtual clinics Exploring outsourcing whole pathways (1st OPA undated) to the Holly – awaiting availability of Gynae consultant
ENT	2891	51	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective admissions have been cancelled until end of Jan 2021 Face to Face ENT hot clinic room continuing from Queens No other F2F or virtual clinics running
Vascular Surgery	871	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective admissions have been cancelled until end of Jan 2021 Angioplasty ceased within IR suites as no pre assessment capacity available Diabetic foot clinic operating at Queens as virtual; no face-to-face clinics
Maxillo-Facial Surgery	1395	66	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective admissions have been cancelled until end of Jan 2021 Face to face clinics continuing for urgent patients out of Queens

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			<p>(including hot clinics)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to explore the option to send appropriate dental cases on the admitted pathway to whalebone lane and awaiting divisional approval to proceed
Ophthalmology	3878	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective admissions have been cancelled until end of Jan 2021 Face to face clinics cancelled – Some virtual clinics operating Insourcing Ophthalmology clinics planned to commence from 16 Jan based on two consultants. These are weekend clinics running Sat/Sun each week Continuing to explore using Westlands eye clinic for cataract patients, whilst any surgery can be done at BHRUT Clinics at Holly House planned to continue with 2 morning session per week Clinics at Spire East have ceased due to recent contract changes
Breast Surgery	1047	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective admissions have been cancelled until end of Jan 2021
Gastro	1111	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running virtual clinics from both Queens and KGH sites IBD clinics and infusions have ceased at Spire H due to recent contract changes
Respiratory Medicine	581	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual clinics operating out of Queens Sleep nurse clinics running out of KGH as virtual
Dermatology	1640	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No routine dermatology clinics running
Neurology	2890	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Converting clinics to virtual – some clinic still being delivered as face to face through KGH Neuropsychology clinic continuing at Holly house at 3 days per week. Clinics at Spire H have ceased (Botox, movement disorder and general)
Neurosurgery	2504	131	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective admissions have been cancelled until end of Jan 2021 Cranial surgery cases will commence at London Independent from 14 Jan based on 2 sessions per week and further 2 sessions alternative week Face to face clinics converted to virtual at Queens
Cardiology	1246	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face to face clinics have been cancelled although quite a number have been converted to virtual
Rheumatology	625	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face to face clinics continuing - Infusions ceased at Spire H and transferred back to Queens