

17 September 2012**Agenda Item:5****REPORT OF COUNCILLOR SUE SADDINGTON****ASHFIELD HEALTH VILLAGE – PROPOSED CHANGES****Purpose of the Report**

1. This report provides Members with an update on work being undertaken by NHS Nottinghamshire County which will result in changes to ward-based services at Ashfield Health Village as well as expansions to diabetes clinics.

Information

2. The County Council's Overview and Scrutiny function has a statutory duty to receive consultations from NHS Trusts for proposals for substantial variations or developments of local health services. It provides Members the opportunity to respond to the consultation and to consider:
 - whether as a statutory body the OSC has been properly consulted within the consultation period
 - whether in developing the proposals for service change, the Trust has taken into account the public interest through appropriate patient and public involvement and consultation
 - whether the proposals for change are in the interests of the local health service

3. This report provides Members the opportunity to give consideration to work by NHS Nottinghamshire County that could lead the variation/development of acute health and other services in North Nottinghamshire, at the commencement of public consultation (which concluded on 9th September 2012).
4. Guidance on the duty to involve and consult recommends:
 - a) discussing with patients and the public how services could be improved and resources used more effectively, to produce plans for change – this constitutes involvement in planning;
 - b) discussing ideas, experiences, and the reasons why the NHS body has Identified the need for change with patients and the public, and with key partner organisations – this constitutes involvement in the development of health services;
 - c) consultation on proposals for change, using evidence from the Involvement activities as well as clinical evidence for improvement of treatment and care – this constitutes consultation
5. Representatives of NHS Nottinghamshire County and the Clinical Commissioning Group will attend the meeting to provide Members with an update on the progress of the consultation.
6. An update supplied by NHS Nottinghamshire County is attached as an appendix to this report.
7. Members may wish to schedule further consideration of this matter at future meetings of the Health Scrutiny Committee as necessary.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that:

1. The Health Scrutiny Committee comment on the information provided and ask questions of the NHS Nottinghamshire County representatives, as necessary
2. Consider whether:
 - (a) the Health Scrutiny Committee has been properly consulted
 - (b) the public interest has been taken into account through appropriate consultation

3. Schedule further consideration of proposed changes at Ashfield Health Village as necessary

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Background Papers

Nil.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected All