

9 December 2014

Agenda Item: 6

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING

Purpose of the Report

1. To introduce a briefing from the Royal College of Nursing on the issues that nurses face.

Information and Advice

2. Members may recall that the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) representatives previously attended the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee in November 2012. At that time, Members heard that the RCN was running a campaign called 'This is Nursing' in response to concerns in the media regarding poor care.
3. RCN representatives indicated that they were keen to work with the committee and provide insights into what was happening on the frontline, give professional expert knowledge, advice and guidance as well as an independent perspective on what is happening across the UK.
4. Ms Marie Hannah, Regional Officer, Nottinghamshire will again provide a briefing and answer questions as necessary.
5. A written briefing from Ms Hannah is attached as an appendix to this report.
6. Members may wish to share and explore with Ms Hannah the sorts of issues that the Joint Health Committee has recently scrutinised, such as intoxicated patients in Nottingham University Hospitals Emergency Department, pharmacy prescribing delays, and the transition to community services.
7. Members are requested to receive the briefing, ask questions and schedule further briefing as necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Receive the briefing on the issues currently faced by nurses

- 2) Ask questions
- 3) Schedule further consideration

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Chairman of Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All