

10 October 2017**Agenda Item: 7****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****CHATSWORTH WARD, MANSFIELD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (NEURO-REHABILITATION)****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider an initial briefing on changes to the delivery of services at the Chatsworth Ward at Mansfield Community Hospital.

Information and Advice

2. Chatsworth Ward provides a specialised neuro-rehabilitation facility for patients recovering from trauma or suffering long-term neurological conditions. The ward has 16 beds, 5-6 of which are used for neuro-rehabilitation, and the rest for general rehabilitation.
3. Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust (SFHT) has identified that the ward does not meet the accreditation criteria for neuro-rehabilitation, being unable to recruit suitable specialist medical, nursing and ancillary staff and is therefore relying on locums. SFHT has informed the commissioners that the service is not sustainable, and initially advised of their intention to withdraw the service from 1st November 2017. Further to discussions with Mansfield and Ashfield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) the date is now flexible and depends on alternative services being put in place.
4. At a meeting with patients, carers and staff in August concerns were expressed, especially since at this early stage the CCG was unable to confirm the likely nature of the alternative provision. There will be a period of engagement with patients and carers, rather than a wider public engagement.
5. Mansfield and Ashfield/Newark and Sherwood CCG representatives attending the Health Scrutiny Committee for this item will be Sally Dore, Head of Communications and Engagement, Lucy Dadge, Chief Commissioning Officer and Sian Clark, Project Managing Neuro Rehabilitation.
6. A briefing from the CCG is attached as an appendix to this report.
7. The Health Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider and comment on the information provided, as well as determining what further information is required. If the Health Scrutiny Committee believes that this change amounts to a substantial variation of service, then ultimately the committee will need to determine if the change is in the interests of the local health service.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the Health Scrutiny Committee considers and comments on the information provided.
- 2) That the Health Scrutiny Committee schedules further consideration of this issue.

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Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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