

**12 December 2023****Agenda Item:4****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****NEWARK URGENT TREATMENT CENTRE – OPENING TIMES****Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform the Committee of the outcomes of recent engagement exercise in respect of urgent treatment provision at Newark Hospital, and to consider next steps.

**Information**

2. Newark Hospital's Urgent Treatment Centre was temporarily closed for overnight admissions in April 2020 to prioritise emergency service provision during the Covid 19 pandemic, and the temporary closure was extended in 2021 and 2022.
3. The Committee was advised at its June 2023 meeting that the temporary closure was to be extended for a further 12 month period, to the end of June 2024. At this meeting, the Committee received assurance that this would be the final temporary extension of current arrangements, and that proposals for the future operation of the Urgent Treatment Centre would be presented to the Committee before the end of 2023.
4. In September 2023, the Committee was advised that a listening exercise would be conducted to gauge local public and stakeholder opinion on revised opening times. An independent review by the East Midlands Clinical Senate has also been conducted, as has an Options Appraisal process. Details of each of these elements are set out at Appendices 1,2 and 3 of the Integrated Care Board's report.
5. Integrated Care Board representatives Lucy Dadge, Director of Integration, Victoria McGregor-Riley, Commissioning Delivery Director, and Alex Ball, Director of Communications and Engagement will be accompanied by Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Trust representatives David Ainsworth and Dr Ben Owens to present the report and respond to the Committee's comments and questions.
6. The Committee will want to understand the process and timeline for determining the final proposed opening hours, and the Committee's future involvement in considering this issue.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- (1) Notes the findings of the listening exercise;
- (2) Notes the feedback from the Clinical Senate;
- (3) Notes the outcomes of the Options Appraisal; and
- (4) Considers next steps and actions.

### **Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee**

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### **Background Papers**

Nil

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

Balderton  
Collingham  
Farndon and Trent  
Muskham and Farnsfield  
Newark East  
Newark West  
Southwell