

Membership

Councillors

A Keith Girling (Chair)
Richard Butler
Dr John Doddy
Kevin Greaves
David Martin
Michael Pyne
Liz Plant
Kevin Rostance
Steve Vickers
Muriel Weisz
Martin Wright

Officers

David Ebbage	Nottinghamshire County Council
Martin Gately	Nottinghamshire County Council

Also in attendance

Michelle Livingston Healthwatch Nottinghamshire

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 27 March 2018, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chair.

APOLOGIES

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

RAMPTON HOSPITAL – SUICIDE AND SELF-HARM PREVENTION

Dr John Wallace, the clinical director of Rampton Hospital gave a briefing to Members on suicide and self-harm prevention at the hospital. He raised the following points:-

- While patients are only admitted to Rampton Hospital because they are assessed as posing a 'grave and immediate' risk to others (that cannot be managed in conditions of lesser security), many also present with significant or severe risks to themselves.
- Women attempt to self-harm more than men but men are more successful at suicide. There have been 2 suicides in the last 10 years at Rampton,
- Within the hospital there are 280 beds for men and 50 national beds for women
- For women, it is difficult to understand what is behind the behaviour but many women unfortunately have history of some sort of abuse in the past.
- Severe restraint techniques are needed to stop a patient from trying to either self-harm or commit suicide as all staff are trying to save a life and to prevent injury.
- Security tests are carried out on all objects patients have access too, to see whether it is dangerous and can be used to health and wellbeing of the population
- Co-locating women patients does not help, turns into competitive self-harm, patients learn techniques from other patients.
- The role and full expectations of STPs is still under national development - the governance structure will be reviewed at six-monthly intervals or where necessary to reflect any changes to functions.

During discussions, the following issues were raised:-

- Impact on staff is huge with the environment they are working in, they build intense relationships with patients taking risks with them on a daily basis. When they do self-harm, they feel let down.
- Clinical supervision for all staff is in place, case discussions happen on a regular basis, staff are able to talk openly about their feelings. Support networks are in place and emotional de-briefings also.
- All incidents regarding assaults are reported and categorised. This data is also used for risk profiles.
- Unsuccessful attempts of suicide or self-harming happen multiple times on a daily basis, extremely repetitive.
- In regards to recruitment and training, there is a challenge for registered nurses across the NHS, although the hospital is successful at nursing assistance staff. All staff go on a two week induction which helps prepare them for reality. Sickness absence is higher in the women's section, down to 8% from 12-13%.
- The hospital try to get the balance right with patients voice and experiences, meetings take place with carers but not a lot can be disclosed in those meetings due to patient conduct. Overriding factor is to keep people alive.

The Chair thanked Dr John Wallace for attending.

NOTTINGHAM TREATMENT CENTRE COMMISSIONING

Penny Harris from NHS England briefed Members on the current position with elective outpatients and day case procurement at the Nottingham Treatment Centre. The following points were raised:-

- The contract was retendered by the Greater Nottingham Clinical Commissioning Partnership in January 2018 then reissued in February 2018 with a deadline for submissions of the 7 March 2018.
- Circle Nottingham Ltd issued two sets of proceedings against NHS Rushcliffe Clinical Commissioning Group at the end of March on the basis of procurement law and by way of Judicial Review.
- An out of court settlement was agreed with Circle, the consequence of that means they will provide the service for another year and then will start the procurement process.
- New timelines and timescales for this will be brought back to Committee at a later date

During discussion, the following points were made:-

- Members queried whether lessons could be learnt from recent events and the quality of care going forward has to be monitored carefully.
- Have to make sure all involved in the contract work together.

The Chair thanked Penny and her colleagues for their attendance and asked for them to come back in July with the latest developments.

BASSETLAW CHILDREN'S WARD COMMISSIONING

Richard Parker, Chief Executive and Moira Hardy, Director of Nursing at Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Trust updated Members on paediatric admissions at Bassetlaw Hospital's A3 Ward. The following points were made:-

- Since implementing this service in January 2017, there has been an average of 11 children transferred from Bassetlaw to Doncaster each week. Weekly figures do show some seasonal variance however the numbers have remained fairly consistent for the past 12 months. Overall attendances on the unit have dropped slightly.
- The Trust continues to advertise for additional nursing staff and since 2017, had undertaken a number of recruitment campaigns, most recently hosting open events for newly-qualified nurses and midwives at both Bassetlaw Hospital and Doncaster Royal Infirmary. In total, we had around 100 attendees.
- They currently have around 15 applicants for paediatric nursing posts from students due to qualify later in the year; however as just one of a number of NHS organisations with vacancies within the area we will face stiff competition for these candidates.

- Certain services at Bassetlaw such as Urgent & Emergency Care, Maternity and Stroke Services will not be removed, the challenge will be going forward on how to deliver those services with the workforce available.
- To keep the ward open at Bassetlaw would require 14FT equivalent children nurses. Vacant posts within the hospital have been offered to student nurses and have all been taken up, will have to wait until September to see if they choose Bassetlaw for their placement.
- External recruitment for registered nurses, offered 60 places, 6 got posts at Bassetlaw, a number were unsuccessful on the English test or suffered issues regarding their visas.

WORK PROGRAMME

The Chairman introduced the report and members agreed that a report on Circle to be added to the July meeting.

The current work programme was noted

The meeting closed at 1.20 pm

CHAIRMAN