

**12 February 2013****Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****OUT OF HOURS HEALTH SERVICES PROCUREMENT FOR  
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To allow Members the opportunity to consider the latest information on the development of GP Out of Hours (OOH) services.

**Information and Advice**

2. On 10 July 2012, representatives of NHS Nottinghamshire County and NHS Nottingham City attended the Joint Health Committee to provide information on the procurement of GP Out of Hours Service Procurement for Nottinghamshire.
3. The committee heard that a procurement process for the out of hours services for the City and County had commenced in November 2011 and had involved a number of stakeholders including clinical commissioning groups and the emergency care networks.
4. In addition, Members were informed that the current services had both been benchmarked as being good quality and value for money and had contracts due to expire on 31 March 2013. Following earlier stakeholder consultation regarding the procurement it had been agreed to extend the current contracts until 31 March 2014, due to the parallel procurement of NHS 111, which was being introduced for 21 March 2013.
5. The procurement process was overseen by EMPACT (East Midlands Procurement and Commissioning Transformation) in order to ensure openness and fairness, and that all relevant procurement requirements were adhered to. A local project steering group was also put in place to manage and oversee the process and this included how best to involve patients and the public in the tendering and procurement processes.
6. Joint Health Members raised the issue of the management of potential conflicts of interest during the procurement process and were reassured that no persons on the steering group had a direct interest. The majority of the steering group were not clinicians and had no potential conflicts of interest. The steering group could also decide to use clinicians from outside Nottinghamshire to inform the assessment of bids.

7. Potential providers would be given the opportunity to attend a provider marketing event, at which commissioners would provide general detail about current health needs and describe the emerging service model which would inform the service specification.
8. Members agreed to receive further information on the process in January 2013 (subsequently deferred to February). NHS representatives have been invited to attend to present information and answer questions. A written briefing is attached as an appendix to this report.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee:-

- 1) receive the briefing and ask questions as necessary
- 2) determine when further information on the Out of Hours Service is required

**Councillor Mel Shepherd**  
**Chairman of Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee**

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### **Background Papers**

Patient and Public Engagement Reports.

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

All