

JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
12 MARCH 2013
NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS TRUST – CANCELLATION OF NON-URGENT ELECTIVE OPERATIONS – PROGRESS REPORT
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES (NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL)

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1 Purpose

In the final of three requested progress reports, representatives of Nottingham University Hospitals (NUH) Trust will be providing information on work which has taken place since December to improve performance in the cancellation of non-urgent elective operations, including how effective winter planning has been in minimising the impact of winter pressures on non-urgent elective operations.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the information provided by Nottingham University Hospitals Trust and determine whether it is satisfied that the Trust is taking sufficient action in relation to its performance on the cancellation of non-urgent elective operations.

3 Background information

- 3.1 In May 2012, the Committee considered the issue of the cancellation of 555 non-urgent elective operations at the Queen's Medical Centre and City Hospitals between January and April 2012. The Committee requested quarterly updates until March 2013 to ensure a quick resolution to the upsurge in cancellations; to make sure there was no repeat upsurge, especially in during winter 2012/13; and to monitor the Trust's progress against the National Standard, it having been an 'outlier' in performance terms for some time.
- 3.2 Representatives of NUH Trust attended meetings of this Committee in September and December 2012 to provide an update on work to address this issue, including the actions being taken in response to the external review commissioned into emergency and elective pathways; and winter planning taking place to ensure that, amongst other things, the impact of winter pressures on the cancellation of non-urgent elective operations is minimised.
- 3.3 In the final of the three quarterly updates requested, the Director of Nursing and Deputy Chief Executive will attend the meeting to update the Committee on current performance and work that has taken place since the previous update in December, including how effective winter planning has been in managing pressures that could impact upon non-urgent elective operations.

4 List of attached information

Report from NUH Trust – to follow

5. Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

None

6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

Reports to, and minutes of meetings of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee held on 15 May, 11 September and 11 December 2012.

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