

JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
7 OCTOBER 2014	Agenda Item: 6
RESPONDING TO PRESSURES ON THE URGENT CARE SYSTEM	
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES (NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL)	

1. Purpose

To consider work taking place to address current pressures on the urgent care system, including preparation for dealing with winter pressures.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to use the information provided to scrutinise action being taken across the urgent and emergency care system to minimise the impact of pressures on the system on service users.

3. Background information

- 3.1 There are well-documented pressures on the urgent care system nationally and locally, and the Committee has been interested in action being taken to address these pressures locally and minimise the impact on service users.
- 3.2 At previous meetings the Committee has heard about the establishment of the Greater Nottingham Urgent Care Board; and from Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust about the challenges in meeting the four hour Emergency Department waiting time target.
- 3.3 Work is taking place across the urgent and emergency care system in south Nottinghamshire to identify and tackle pressures on the system, develop resilience and ensure that the system is able to cope with 2014/15 winter pressures. Colleagues involved in this work will be attending the meeting to give a presentation and answer questions on this.
- 3.4 It is proposed that information on planning to address pressures on the urgent care system over the medium to longer term be presented to this Committee in spring 2015.

4. List of attached information

None

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 10 September 2013, 11 February 2014 and 15 July 2014.

7. Wards affected

All

8. Contact information

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