

19 June 2018**Agenda Item: 5**

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

SHORTAGE OF CAPACITY HEAD AND NECK CANCER

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide an initial briefing on the shortage of capacity in head and neck cancer care.

Information

2. A shortage of head and neck consultants in Nottingham has resulted in the decision to divert referrals for the two week wait and benign head and neck cancer service to other centres outside of Nottingham.
3. Nottingham's limited capacity will be prioritised for Nottingham City patients, based on proximity, levels of deprivation and the challenges of travelling further afield.
4. Members will wish to explore the reasons for this service change and how they can be mitigated – particularly in relation to the proposed duration of this measure and the impact on County residents also suffering levels of deprivation.
5. A briefing from the commissioners is attached as an appendix to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Considers and comments on the information provided.
- 2) Schedules further consideration as necessary.

Councillor Keith Girling
Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All