

9 October 2018

Agenda Item: 5

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL - SYSTEM PLANS FOR WINTER AND SHARED COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING URGENT AND EMERGENCY PATIENT CARE**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the information provided regarding Nottingham University Hospitals (NUH) winter planning and planned developments to urgent and emergency patient care.

#### **Information**

2. The Health Scrutiny Committee takes a strong interest in acute trust's planning for the challenges of winter. Severe winter weather can mean more admissions of frail and elderly patients due to respiratory conditions, as well as fractures due to falls in icy conditions.
3. Members will see that an additional 116 beds are planned at NUH, subject to Board approval – one more ward than last winter. There will also be investment in community-based care to include 20 more enhanced care beds. In addition, there will be the provision of 48 community run beds at St Francis on the City Hospital site for patients who no longer need acute care.
4. At the Queens Medical Centre the 'front door' there will be a redesign of emergency and urgent care pathways and modernisation and expansion of A Floor via £4.5 million national funding. There will also be an increase in the number of cubicles in the 'majors' section of from 20 to 30.
5. Nikki Pownall, Programme Director, Urgent Care – Greater Nottingham CCGs and Caroline Nolan, Project Director, Urgent Care & Flow, NUH, will attend Health Scrutiny Committee to brief Members and answer questions, as necessary.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

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

**Councillor Keith Girling**  
**Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee**

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**Background Papers**

Nil

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

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