

JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
21 APRIL 2015	
URGENT CARE WINTER PRESSURES – FUTURE PLANNING	
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES (NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL)	Agenda Item: 6

1. Purpose

To consider the lessons learnt from pressures on the Urgent Care System during Winter 2014/15 and the planning already underway for Winter 2015/16.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to use the information provided to scrutinise action taken across the urgent and emergency care system to minimise the impact of pressures on the system on service users during 2014/15 and support 2015/16 Winter planning.

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 System Resilience Group and from Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust about the challenges in meeting the four hour Emergency Department waiting time target.

Collectively Clinical Commissioning Groups in South Nottinghamshire have been allocated £4.2 million recurrent funding in their baselines to address System Resilience. During quarter 4 of 2014/15 a “Confirm and Challenge” stock take exercise has taken place to fully assess the impact of schemes that have been put in place during winter 2014/15 and agree with system resilience partner organisations which schemes should be funded during 2015/16.

- 3.3 Colleagues working to improve the urgent care system in South Nottinghamshire will be attending the meeting to give a presentation and answer questions on how the local urgent care system responded to the demands of the 2014/15 winter pressures and preparation for 15/16.

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 15 July and 7 October 2014.

7. **Wards affected**

All

8. **Contact information**

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