

16 March 2017**Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****PAEDIATRIC ADMISSIONS AT BASSETLAW HOSPITAL AND MATERNITY SERVICES – ISSUES OF CLARIFICATION****Purpose of the Report**

1. To introduce further briefing on the alteration to paediatric admissions at Bassetlaw Hospital with additional briefing on maternity services.

Information and Advice

2. Members will recall hearing at the last meeting of this committee that due to staffing shortages, the paediatric ward at Bassetlaw Hospital is now closed to admissions at 7:00 pm with the ward itself closing at 10:00 pm. This service only comprised six beds with 80% of patients discharged within 24 hours. The sorts of conditions treated in the unit are typically upper respiratory or long term conditions. It is not a facility for children who are very acutely unwell e.g. suffering from meningitis. The Trust has made strenuous efforts to address the issue of staff shortages, but now faces a shortages of nurses as well as one of doctors. It is anticipated that the ward will transition to be an assessment centre.
3. An update from the Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust on paediatric and maternity services is attached as an appendix to this report. Richard Parker, Acting Chief Executive, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals will attend the committee to answer questions accompanied by senior representatives of the commissioners.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Consider and comment on the information provided.
- 2) Determine if further information is required, and schedule as necessary.

Councillor Colleen Harwood
Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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