

23 January 2017**Agenda Item: 5**

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

PAEDIATRIC ADMISSIONS AT BASSETLAW HOSPITAL

Purpose of the Report

1. To introduce briefing on the alteration to paediatric admissions at Bassetlaw Hospital.

Information and Advice

2. 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 comprises 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. A written briefing from the Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group is attached as an appendix to this report. Denise Nightingale, Chief Nurse and Executive Lead for Quality and Safety at the CCG will attend the committee to present the briefing and answer questions, accompanied by David Purdue, Chief Operating Officer, Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospital.
4. Members will see from the briefing that this alteration to services is a result of the recruitment issues facing the commissioners and Trust and is made for safety reasons. On that basis, this matter is not presented to the Health Scrutiny Committee as a potential substantial variation of service.
5. Members will need to determine if any further information is required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Consider and comment on the information provided.
- 2) Determine what 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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