

16 April 2024**Agenda Item:4****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****NEWARK URGENT TREATMENT CENTRE – IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED
OPENING HOURS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform the Committee that revised opening times for the Newark Urgent Treatment Centre have now been approved, and to request the Committee's support in communicating these changes to Nottinghamshire residents.

Information

2. Newark Hospital's Urgent Treatment Centre was temporarily closed for overnight admissions in April 2020 to prioritise emergency service provision during the Covid 19 pandemic, and the temporary closure was extended in 2021 and 2022.
3. The Committee received assurance at its June 2023 meeting that the temporary 12 month extension to these arrangements would not be further extended. The Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust embarked on a process in the autumn of 2023 with a view to arriving at a sustainable solution to the issue. This involved conducting a Listening Exercise with residents, a Clinical Senate Review and Options Appraisal. A comprehensive update was provided at the Committee's December 2023 meeting – this information provided at that time is accessible via the following link:

[Health Scrutiny Agenda Papers December 2023](#) .

4. The ICB now confirms that its Board has made the decision to extend current opening hours, opening at 8am and closing at 10.30pm, with final admission at 9.30pm. It is intended that these revised opening times will be operational from the Summer of 2024.
5. The Committee will wish to consider and comment on the briefing, particularly in respect of communicating the revised hours to wider public, and considering when it wants to receive updates on implementation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- (1) Notes the attached briefing;
- (2) Considers how best the Committee can support communicating the permanent hours of the Urgent Treatment Centre and information about alternative local urgent and emergency services available ;and
- (3) Considers how and when it wishes to receive further updates on the implementation of revised opening times.

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All