

6 January 2013**Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****MORTALITY RATES – INDEPENDENT REVIEW AND NEWARK AND
SHERWOOD FOREST HOSPITALS FOUNDATION TRUST****Purpose of the Report**

1. To introduce further briefing on mortality rates.

Information and Advice

2. Members will recall that at the last meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee on 4 November 2013, a further update was requested on the independent review of mortality rates undertaken by Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).
3. The update received from Dr Amanda Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer of the CCG is as follows: Following the publication of the independent mortality review across Mid-Nottinghamshire, a number of steps have been taken. A working group has been established to review the increased deaths in the NG25 area. This group will review the issue in detail, but it is noteworthy that there is a high proportion of residents over the age of 85 who reside in the area. The NHS is also holding a summit for end of life care in January, in order to review existing services and to develop commissioning plans for future services. A wide range of stakeholders from health, social care and the voluntary sector will be involved. The Clinical Commissioning Groups are also working with their practices to better understand variations in mortality rates in different areas. This is the first time that such detailed analysis of mortality has been undertaken in primary care.
4. Hospital mortality rates continue to improve at Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Significant progress has been made in deaths from pneumonia, heart attacks and sepsis. Work is still in progress to build on these improvements. The gap between weekday and weekend deaths has decreased over the course of this year. More senior doctors are now on duty out-of-hours and this has had a beneficial effect. We continue to monitor mortality very carefully and will continue to make improvements across the NHS.
5. Dr Sullivan will attend this meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee to present the briefing and answer questions.
6. Members are requested to receive the briefing, ask questions and schedule further consideration as necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- i) receive the briefing
- ii) ask questions
- iii) schedule further consideration as necessary

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Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Review into the quality of care and treatment provided by 14 hospital trusts in England:
overview report – Professor Sir Bruce Keogh

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All