

<b>JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>11 DECEMBER 2012</b>
<b>DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES AT LINGS BAR HOSPITAL - UPDATE</b>
<b>REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES (NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL)</b>
<b>ITEM 4</b>

# **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To keep the Committee informed of service developments at Lings Bar Hospital, pending the outcome of NHS restructuring and commissioning decisions in early 2013.

# **2. Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the latest service developments at Lings Bar Hospital.

# **3. Background information**

- 3.1 Local NHS Trusts have a statutory duty to consult the relevant local authority overview and scrutiny committee when proposing changes to local health services.
- 3.2 The Committee received reports on the reconfiguration of services offered at Lings Bar Hospital, Gamston, at its meetings in September 2011 and April 2012. The changes were designed to accelerate discharge of less complex patients, develop integrated pathways between Adult Social Care and Health and Community services, redirect resources through avoiding admission to Lings Bar (City-based pilot) and providing early supported discharge from Lings Bar (County-based pilot) and explore expanding the service offer at Lings Bar, with a focus on haemodialysis and stroke rehabilitation services.
- 3.3 The Committee was reassured that the changes undertaken had resulted in improved efficiencies and patient experience, freeing up resource to provide enhanced community services, including haemodialysis. It requested further information on pilot evaluation and subsequent commissioning decisions – this was tentatively scheduled in the work programme for December 2012. However, NHS colleagues have advised that, due to the transfer to the new NHS structure, and the need for clinicians to evaluate fully the options available, decisions on the way forward for services at Lings Bar Hospital were unlikely until early 2013.
- 3.4 In the meantime, and with Chair's approval, it has been agreed to receive for information a progress report at the Committee's December 2012 meeting, with full consideration of the issue scheduled to take place in March 2013. NHS colleagues have provided the report at Appendix 1, but will not be available to take questions on the day. Substantive consideration of the item has been rescheduled for the Committee's March 2013 meeting.

**4. List of attached information**

Appendix 1 – Letter from NHS Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County dated 30 November 2012.

**5. Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

None.

**6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

Report, presentation and minutes arising from Joint Health Scrutiny Committee meetings on 13 September 2011 and 17 April 2012.

**7. Wards affected**

All

**8. Contact information**

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