

10 October 2017**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****BASSETLAW HOSPITAL UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the latest information on the performance of Bassetlaw Hospital including paediatric admissions and recruitment.

Information and Advice

2. The Health Scrutiny Committee last received information from Doncaster and Bassetlaw NHS Foundation Trust on 25 July, when Richard Parker, Chief Executive, David Purdue, Chief Operating Officer and Idris Griffiths, Chief Officer, Bassetlaw CCG explained that the Paediatric Ward had been closed to admissions at night from January 2017 on safety grounds due to staffing resources. The committee also heard that the Trust experienced some difficulty recruiting, but did not feel that offering incentives was the solution to the recruitment problem.
3. Senior representatives of the Trust and the commissioners will attend this meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee to provide information and answer questions. A written briefing from the Trust is attached as an appendix to this report. In addition to detailing the current staffing position, the briefing also covers the national workforce picture and highlights that there are approximately 40,000 registered nursing vacancies – with, significantly, 22% of all reported hard-to-fill vacancies (vacant for over three months) in the fields of learning disabilities, mental health and children's nursing.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Consider and comment on the information provided.
- 2) Identify requirements for further information.
- 3) Schedule further consideration, as necessary.

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Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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