



meeting	ANNUAL HEALTH CHECK SELECT COMMITTEE	
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## Report of the Chair of the Annual Health Check Select Committee

### Progress – NHS Nottinghamshire County

#### Purpose of the report

1. To invite Members to consider how NHS Nottinghamshire County is seeking to improve on the quality of services rating from 2007-08.

#### Background

2. The Healthcare Commission published the Annual Health Check Ratings for 2007-08 on Thursday 16 October 2008.
3. On 10 November 2008, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee gave initial consideration to the ratings awarded to NHS Trusts for 2007-08. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee looked specifically at Nottinghamshire County Teaching Primary Care Trust and Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust.
4. The ratings awarded for 2007-08 are set out in the following table:

#### Ratings 2007-08

Trust	Quality of services	Use of resources
Bassetlaw PCT	FAIR	FAIR
Nottingham City PCT*	FAIR*	GOOD*
NHS Nottinghamshire County (tPCT)	FAIR	GOOD
Sherwood Forest Hospitals Foundation Trust	GOOD	EXCELLENT

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals Foundation Trust	<b>GOOD</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>
East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust	<b>GOOD</b>	<b>FAIR</b>
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	<b>FAIR</b>	<b>FAIR</b>
Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust	<b>EXCELLENT</b>	<b>GOOD</b>

**Table 1**

\*Note: Nottingham City PCT is accountable to the Overview and Scrutiny of Nottingham City Council and not Nottinghamshire County Council. The ratings for the PCT are included for sake of completeness.

5. The table below shows how Nottinghamshire Trusts compare nationally:

	Quality of services				Use of resources			
	<b>Weak</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Weak</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
Nottinghamshire	0	4	3	1	0	4	2	2
National (% of all trusts)	20 (5%)	132 (34%)	139 (36%)	100 (26%)	20 (5%)	132 (34%)	145 (37%)	94 (24%)

**Table 2**

\*Note: Nottingham City PCT is not included

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6. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted that the overall ratings are comprised of many sub-categories. An overall rating that has not changed since last year does not necessarily indicate that no progress has been made or that the same level of service has been maintained. Changes to the ratings since 2006-07 included:

- Two Trusts providing services to Nottinghamshire received a lower rating for quality of services than in 2006-07.
- Three Trusts providing services to Nottinghamshire improved the rating received for use of resources, two of which previously had ratings of weak.
- One Trust improved their use of resources rating by two grades.
- One Trust improved the rating for use of resources whilst slipping one rating on quality of services.

7. The table shows the overall progress of the Trust compared to the ratings for 2006-07:

Trust	Quality of services	Use of resources
Bassetlaw PCT	<b>LOWER</b> (Fair <- Good)	SAME
Nottingham City PCT*	<b>LOWER</b> (Fair <- Good)	SAME
NHS Nottinghamshire County (tPCT)	SAME	<b>IMPROVEMENT</b> (Weak -> -> Good)
Sherwood Forest Hospitals Foundation Trust	SAME	SAME
Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals Foundation Trust	SAME	SAME
East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust	SAME	SAME
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	<b>LOWER</b> (Fair <- Good)	<b>IMPROVEMENT</b> (Weak -> Fair)
Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust	SAME	<b>IMPROVEMENT</b> (Fair -> Good)

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8. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee was concerned that the two primary care trusts were rated as providing a fair quality of services following the last assessment. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee believes that residents of Nottinghamshire deserve to receive a good quality of services and would like to see this reflected in the health check ratings of all of the Trusts in Nottinghamshire, providing confidence to residents and patients.

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9. **Nottinghamshire County Teaching Primary Care Trust** was newly formed in October 2006 from the former PCTs across Nottinghamshire (excluding Bassetlaw PCT.) The tPCT received a rating of weak for use of resources in 2006-07 and **improved** this rating from weak to good in 2007-08. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee congratulated the Trust on this significant improvement.
10. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has asked the Select Committee to give further consideration to how NHS Nottinghamshire County is seeking to improve its overall rating for quality of services.

11. Representatives of NHS Nottinghamshire County have been invited to the meeting to discuss
  - the Trust's health check declaration for 2008-09 including progress from 2007-08 and
  - how the Trust will develop further in the future.
12. The Select Committee should use this information when considering comments for the Trust's Annual Health Check Declaration at the meeting on 31 March 2009.
13. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee gave initial consideration to how the Trust was seeking to improve at the meeting on 10 November 2008. Extract of the report and minutes of the meeting are included as an appendix. A copy of the Trust's Board Report on last year's Annual Health Check will also be provided to Members.

### **Recommendation**

14. It is recommended that
  - the Select Committee consider the information provided and identify further information needs or areas for Scrutiny.

### **Councillor EDW Llewellyn-Jones Chair of Overview and Scrutiny**

#### **Background papers:**

- Health Scrutiny Panel Response to the Annual Health Checks - 2008
- Annual Health Checks Select Committee Response to the Annual Health Checks – April 2008
- Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Response – April 2008  
<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/scrutiny>
- Healthcare Commission Annual Health Checks 2007-08  
<http://www.healthcarecommission.org.uk>
- Letter inviting comments from NHS Trusts
- Your part in the annual health checks – guidance from the Healthcare Commission
- CfPS Guide – the annual health check, a guide for Overview and Scrutiny Committees
- NHS Nottinghamshire County Trust Board Paper – 2007/08 Healthcare Commission Annual Health Check - 27 November 2008

## Appendix 2

### Extract of Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 10 November 2008

1. The Healthcare Commission reported that the tPCT has **improved** ratings against the new national targets for:
  - Halt the rise in obesity among children by 2010, as part of a broader strategy to tackle obesity in the population as a whole.
  - Improve health outcomes for people with long term conditions by offering a personalised care plan for vulnerable people most at risk; and reduce emergency bed days by 2008 through improved care in primary care and community settings for people with long term conditions.
2. NHS Nottinghamshire County was **underachieving** against two new national targets to:
  - Improve the quality of life and independence of vulnerable older people by increasing the proportion of older people being supported to live in their own home by 2008. In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as failing to meet this target
  - Reduce health inequalities by 2010.  
In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as underachieving this target
3. NHS Nottinghamshire County is reported as **failing** against three new national targets to
  - Reduce adult smoking rates by 2010.  
In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as underachieving this target
  - Reduce the under-18 conception rate by 2010, as part of a broader strategy to improve sexual health.  
In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as failing to meet this target
  - Substantially reduce mortality rates by 2010 from heart disease and stroke and related diseases.  
In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as underachieving this target

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NHS Nottinghamshire County New National Targets	
Underachieving	Failing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Improve the quality of life and independence of vulnerable older people by increasing the proportion of older people being supported to live in their own home by 2008.</b></li> </ul> <p>In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as failing to meet this target indicating an improvement in performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reduce health inequalities by 2010.</b></li> </ul> <p>In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as underachieving this target indicating static improvement in performance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reduce adult smoking rates by 2010.</b></li> </ul> <p>In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as underachieving this target indicating a drop in performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reduce the under-18 conception rate by 2010, as part of a broader strategy to improve sexual health.</b></li> </ul> <p>In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as failing to meet this target indicating static improvement in performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Substantially reduce mortality rates by 2010 from heart disease and stroke and related diseases.</b></li> </ul> <p>In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as underachieving this target indicating a drop in performance</p>

4. The NHS Nottinghamshire County is also reported as not meeting two of the **existing national targets**:

- Underachieving - All ambulance trusts to respond to 95% of category B calls within 19 minutes.
- Underachieving - Guaranteed access to a primary care professional within 24 hours and to a primary care doctor within 48 hours.

5. The NHS Nottinghamshire County is also reported as not meeting three of the **core standards**:

- C05b - clinical supervision
- C07e - discrimination
- C11b - mandatory training

6. In the previous year there were 5 core standards where the tPCT could provide insufficient assurance, these were: **C4c, C5d, C9, C11b** and **C20a**. The tPCT is now compliant with four of these standards. C11b listed above is still unmet. The tPCT had previously met standards C05b and C07e.

## **Appendix 2**

### **Extract of Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 10 November 2008**

#### **NHS ANNUAL HEALTH CHECKS**

Consideration was given to a report on the findings of the Healthcare Commission's Annual Health Check for NHS Trusts in Nottinghamshire for 2007/08.

Brenda Howard, Director of Strategy, NHS Nottinghamshire County, commented that the measures were harder to achieve as the bar had been raised. She added that a lot of work had been carried out in connection with resources which was why progress had been made from the previous year. Councillor Chris Winterton thought that there was no room for complacency with the findings, and that a fair rating was a concern.

Phil Mettan from Bassetlaw PCT commented that the deterioration in the rating for quality of service had caused dismay and led to a robust reaction. They were now actively performance managing the situation and were aiming to get good scores for the quality of services and use of resources next time.

Councillor Jen Cole commented that resources were necessary to stop young people starting smoking. Councillor Yvonne Davidson thought that the government needed to look at new leaf going into schools. Phil Mettan commented that there were issues about how the health service engaged with young people aged 10-15 on alcohol, smoking and obesity issues. Councillor Llewellyn-Jones commented that it would be useful if the PCT engaged with lead officers from the DARE programme so that these issues could be taken forward.

Councillor Brian Wombwell commented that there were a lot of problems for NHS Nottinghamshire County with the new national targets and there was a need to maximise effort. Brenda Howard acknowledged that they needed to work with other agencies on these issues.

It was agreed:-

- i. That further information be provided as to how NHS Trusts serving Nottinghamshire intend to improve to at least "good".
- ii. That a select committee of 9 Members be established to commence in January 2007 to consider the further information from NHS Trusts and comment on the Annual Health Checks for 2008/09.
- iii. That NHS Nottinghamshire County be congratulated on the significant improvement in their use of resources rating.