

**8 November 2016****Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****NUH EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT TARGETS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To introduce information on the performance against targets of the Nottingham University Hospital (NUH) Emergency Department.

**Information and Advice**

2. Councillors may be aware that NUH has not been meeting its statutory targets for treating patients within four hours. On average, between January and April 2016 almost 25% of NUH patients had to wait more than four hours to be seen in the Emergency Department. However, the situation is similar elsewhere, with only four hospitals in England able to achieve the Government target – the poorest performance since 2003-04.
3. Inappropriate attendance by patients who could be treated elsewhere is a factor in the targets not being met. Conditions which are appropriate for the Emergency Department include: serious injury or life-threatening problems such as loss of consciousness, severe breathing difficulties, heavy bleeding, severe chest pain, suspected broken bones, deep wounds, swallowing something harmful or a drug overdose.
4. Dr Stephen Fowle, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Medical Director of NUH will attend the meeting to brief the committee and answer questions, as necessary. A written briefing from NUH is attached as an appendix to this report.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) That the Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee consider and comment on the information provided.

**Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis**  
**Chairman of Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee**

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**Background Papers**

Nil

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

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