

<b>JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>16 APRIL 2013</b>
<b>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST – PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE WARD A23 (DEMENTIA)</b>
<b>REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES (NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL)</b>

## **ITEM 5**

### **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider proposals by Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust regarding redesign of services for people with dementia and the possible closure of Ward A23 at Queens Medical Centre.

### **2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to use the information provided at the meeting to inform its questioning to ensure that proposals by Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust for redesign of services for people with dementia will result in the best outcomes for patients and their relatives/ carers.

### **3 Background information**

- 3.1 In October 2012, the Committee received correspondence from Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust in response to its enquiries regarding reports of ward closures at the Queens Medical Centre. This included Ward A23 for people with dementia. At that time Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust reported that a bed utilisation review for all older peoples' assessment and treatment beds across Nottinghamshire had been carried out. The review had concluded that a number of people were being admitted to wards inappropriately and staying longer than they needed to, especially so on dementia wards. The Trust said that based on the findings of the review it would be putting forward a case to reduce the number of assessment beds for people with dementia and that Ward A23 was under consideration.
- 3.2 Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust has now advised that, based on the findings of the bed utilisation review and in line with other service redesigns moving towards greater community based provision, it will be consulting on a redesign of services for people with dementia and possible closure of Ward A23.

- 3.3 Representatives of Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust will be attending the meeting to outline the proposals and how it will be consulting on them.
- 3.4 This Committee has statutory responsibilities in relation to substantial variations and developments in health services. While a 'substantial variation or development' of health services is not defined in Regulations, a key feature is that there is a major change to services experienced by patients and future patients. Proposals may range from changes that affect a small group of people within a small geographical area to major reconfigurations of specialist services involving significant numbers of patients across a wide area. The Committee's responsibilities are to consider the following matters in relation to any substantial variations or developments that impact upon those in receipt of services:
- a) Whether, as a statutory body, the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been properly consulted within the consultation process;
  - b) Whether, in developing the proposals for service changes, the health body concerned has taken into account the public interest through appropriate patient and public involvement and consultation;
  - c) Whether a proposal for change is in the interests of the local health service.
- 3.5 Councillors should bear the matters outlined in paragraph 3.4 in mind when considering the proposals and discussing them with Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust.

**4 List of attached information**

None

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

Letter from Professor Mike Cooke, Chief Executive Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust dated 30 October 2012

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

None

**7. Contact details**

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