

**20 June 2023**

**Agenda Item: 7**

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **TEMPORARY SERVICE CHANGES - EXTENSION**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform the Committee of the extension of current interim arrangements for NHS services at Newark Hospital introduced as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic.

#### **Information**

2. Newark Hospital's Urgent Treatment Centre was temporarily closed for overnight admissions in April 2020 to prioritise emergency service provision during the Covid 19 pandemic, and the temporary closure was extended in 2021 and again in 2022.
3. The Director of Integration at Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board has now written to the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee to advise that the temporary closure is to be extended for a further 12 month period, to end June 2024. A copy of the letter is attached at the Appendix to this report.
4. It had been expected that the Committee would be in a position to consider this extension alongside discussion of the wider provision of services at Newark Hospital. However, the Integrated Care Board, in line with the NHS England guidance on service change<sup>1</sup> continues to work with Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, other NHS providers and local authority colleagues to develop a proposed way forward with associated timelines. This means that substantive consideration by the Committee will have to take place later in 2023.
5. A senior representative from the Integrated Care Board will attend the meeting to provide further information and answer questions, as necessary.
6. Members are requested to note the information provided

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/planning-assuring-and-delivering-service-change-for-patients/>

That the Health Scrutiny Committee note the 12-month extension of current interim arrangements at Newark Hospital to the end of June 2024.

**Councillor Sue Saddington**  
**Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee**

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**Background Papers**

Nil

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

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