Nottinghamshire County Council

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

SHERWOOD FOREST HOSPITALS WINTER PLAN

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider initial briefing on Sherwood Forest Hospital's winter plan.

Information and Advice

2. This year NHS England and NHS Improvement are seeking to be more aligned in order to better support local systems through the winter months. For the first time 2017/18 has seen formal winter planning starting in July, with final local plans to be submitted in early September. In order to ensure local systems have sufficient time for proper planning and discussion with partners assurance dates have been set up for the entire winter period with general resilience plans right up to Easter.

3. In developing their overarching winter plans, Local A&E Delivery Boards have been asked to prioritise the following:

    *   Demand and capacity plans
    *   Front door processes and primary care streaming
    *   Flow through the urgent and emergency care pathway
    *   Effective discharge processes
    *   Planning for peaks in demand over weekends and bank holidays
    *   Ensuring the adoption of best practice as set out in the NHS Improvement guide: Focus on Improving Patient Flow

4. Denise Smith, Acting Chief Operating Officer and Peter Wozencroft, Director of Strategic Planning will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee to provide briefing and answer questions.

5. Members may wish to schedule further briefing early next year in order to examine the Trust's winter performance.

RECOMMENDATION

1)   That the Health Scrutiny Committee considers and comments on the information provided.

2)   That the Health Scrutiny Committee schedule further consideration of Sherwood Forest winter planning issues for when performance information is available.

Councillor Keith Girling
Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Focus on Improving Patient Flow
Best Practice Guide

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All