

Membership

Councillors

Martin Wright (Chair)
Reg Adair
Richard Butler
Jim Creamer
Dr John Doddy
Kevin Greaves
David Martin
Michael Payne
Liz Plant
Francis Purdue-Horan
Keith Walker

Officers

Pete Barker	Nottinghamshire County Council
Martin Gately	Nottinghamshire County Council

Also in attendance

Barbara Brady	Public Health, Nottinghamshire County Council
Michelle Livingston	Healthwatch Nottinghamshire

CHAIR

In the absence of Councillor Girling, Councillor Wright took the Chair.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13 June 2017, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chair.

APOLOGIES

No apologies.

Councillor Adair replaced Councillor Vickers for this meeting only.
Councillor Creamer replaced Councillor Weisz for this meeting only.
Councillor Purdue-Horan replaced Cllr Kevin Rostance for this meeting only.
Councillor Walker replaced Councillor Girling for this meeting only.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

IN-VITRO FERTILISATION – VARIATION OF SERVICE

Dr Amanda Sullivan, Chief Officer, Newark & Sherwood CCG and Mansfield & Ashfield CCG, gave a presentation aimed particularly at new members of the Committee which provided an overview of the work of the CCG.

During the presentation, the following points were highlighted:

- The CCG's remit was wider than just IVF
- The aim was to achieve a more joined up way of working, avoiding duplication and streamlining services at a time of significant financial challenges
- IN terms of the IVF service, the aim initially was to arrive at a compromise, with the decision taken to provide the service to those in the age range which was most likely to result in a pregnancy. It was acknowledged that Committee was not in favour of the proposal and no changes to the IVF service would now be made without further consultation

During discussions the following points were raised:

- The presentation provided a useful overview but the agenda item was concerned specifically with the IVF service and Dr Sullivan was asked when Committee could expect to receive the results of the consultation. Dr Sullivan replied that the details were still being looked at and discussions were ongoing with colleagues in neighbouring CCGs with the possibility that the proposed changes may apply to a wider geographical area than originally envisaged. Dr Sullivan informed Committee that the conclusions from the consultation should be available by late October / early November with implementation at the end of the year.
- There was a lack of confidence in the previous consultation process and concern was expressed at the lack of clarity on what was being consulted upon this time. A request was made that Committee receives the developed options prior to the consultation proceeding to avoid calling in the decision as happened before.

Following debate, an amendment to the motion was moved by Councillor Payne and seconded by Councillor Plant :-

“That Committee receives and scrutinises the proposed options prior to consultation on those options proceeding”

Following a show of hands the motion was declared to be lost, the requisite number of Members requested that the vote was recorded and it was ascertained that the following 5 Members voted **‘For’** the motion:-

Councillor Jim Creamer
Councillor Kevin Greaves
Councillor David Martin
Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Liz Plant

and the following 6 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Councillor Reg Adair
Councillor Richard Butler
Councillor Dr John Doddy
Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan
Councillor Keith Walker
Councillor Martin Wright

The Chairman declared that the amendment was lost.

It was agreed that Dr Sullivan would send the results of the consultation to the Chair of the Committee well in advance of the meeting scheduled for 10 October 2017.

PAEDIATRIC ADMISSIONS AT BASSETLAW HOSPITAL - UPDATE

Richard Parker, Chief Executive; David Purdue, Chief Operating Officer; Anuja Natarajan, children's consultant and Idris Griffiths, Bassetlaw CCG attended the meeting for this item and highlighted the following points:

- The Paediatric Ward, A3, was closed at night from January 2017 on safety grounds due to the problems with securing adequate staffing resources. The situation regarding recruitment will be clearer in October once the latest round of Children's Nurses qualify in September.

During discussions the following points were raised:

- There are adequate numbers of supervisory staff available
- A number of initiatives are being used to attract staff including recruitment campaigns in the Philippines, India and Ireland
- There are 12 posts in the Ward, which has not changed its name, with 6 vacancies at present
- The closure is temporary and is not a cost saving exercise - the funding for posts is available, the cost of the staff being employed via an agency is even higher than employing own staff, overnight admissions are being paid for and there is the cost of the dedicated ambulance service
- Offering incentives was not seen as a solution to the recruitment problem, which is nationwide, and would just create challenges elsewhere
- Potential recruits are less willing to work nights and / or relocate than in the past and specific paediatric training is now required. Also, many prefer to

work in a larger unit to give them greater experience and enhance their career prospects

- Critically ill children have never been cared for in the Ward, they are transferred to units with the capability, usually directly

The Chairman thanked Richard and colleagues for their attendance at the meeting and an update report would be brought back to Committee on 10 October.

SHERWOOD FOREST HOSPITALS PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Paul Moore and Peter Wozencroft attended the meeting for this item and Paul gave a presentation on the progress and continuing improvements made following the CQC inspection.

During the presentation, the following points were highlighted:

- The Trust was formerly in special measures and had lost the trust of stakeholders which lead to the partnership with Nottingham University
- Mortality rates were the greatest problem but with the employment of the new Chief Executive, Richard Mitchell, the rates started to come down, especially for septis
- Stroke care was also poor but is now one of the best in the country

During discussions the following points were raised:

- There is no complacency and there is still more to do
- Initiatives have been used to engage the workforce and change the culture
- Work is ongoing to increase the number of responses from patients
- The new Chief Executive, Richard, promotes the method of engagement and has challenged the leadership team to continue to improve
- The improvements made have happened at a time of no new funding for employees and cuts to expenditure so there is hope that improvements can be made in other areas without increasing expenditure

The Chair thanked Paul and Peter for their attendance and a further report would be brought to Committee In January.

HEALTH SCRUTINY ON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONED SERVICES

Barbara Brady from Public Health introduced the report which detailed the work of Public Health and sought guidance form Committee as to the relationship between Public Health and the Committee going forward.

During discussions the following points were raised:

- Work on a map showing the services provided throughout the County is underway and will be shared with Committee Members via Democratic Services when complete
- Adult Social Care and Health Committee receive quarterly reports containing end user results
- Barbara invited any interested Members to take part in visits
- Health Scrutiny Committee will receive three monthly reports on the work of the Public Health Department.

WORK PROGRAMME

The work programme was discussed and the following was agreed:

- A report on the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) be brought to Committee in October
- A report be brought to a future meeting of the Committee on the problems caused in Carlton by the closure of the Willows Medical Centre
- A report be brought to a future meeting of the Committee on the performance of pharmacies
- Members requested that they see the IVF consultation questionnaire at the earliest opportunity

The meeting closed at 1.10pm

CHAIRMAN