

JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
12 JULY 2016	
TRANSFORMING CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES AND/OR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS	Agenda Item: 4
REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR RESILIENCE (NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL)	

Purpose

- 1.1 To enable the Committee to carry out its statutory role (as set out below) in relation to consultation by commissioners on a proposed new service model for people with learning disabilities and/or autism spectrum disorders.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider:

- 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.

The Committee may be able come to a conclusion on these issues at this meeting; or may wish to identify further information required.

3. Background information

- 3.1 Earlier in the year commissioners informed the Committee that Nottinghamshire had been chosen as one of 5 national 'fast track' areas to be a forerunner of work to transform care for people with a learning disability and/ or autism and challenging behaviours or a mental health condition. As a 'fast track' area, Nottinghamshire was required to submit a transformation plan by September 2015 setting out how it would strengthen community services, reduce reliance on in-patient beds (non-secure, low and medium-secure) and close some in-patient facilities. The plan covers services for both children and adults. The transformation plan was presented to the Committee at its meeting in February.

- 3.2 Commissioners advised that due to national timescales it had not been possible to carry out consultation prior to the plan's submission; but that it was intended to carry out a formal public consultation on the proposed new service model and that the plan was open to alteration in response to consultation outcomes.
- 3.3 The Committee also heard that a number of key deliverables had been identified that needed to be in place by June 2016. These included developing Strategic Commissioning and Workforce Development Plans, establishing multiagency pooled/aligned budgets, establishing emergency and longer term crisis support services, extending Care and treatment reviews to children and those with autism and no learning disability. It was also confirmed in February that crisis services were not currently available across the area but that crisis provision needed to be operational quickly and that it was intended that interim arrangements would be procured by June.
- 3.4 In order to enable it to carry out its statutory role, the Committee requested that information on consultation outcomes and if/how the plan is changing in response to those outcomes; and progress against key deliverables to June is presented to this meeting.
- 3.5 A paper from Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group is attached and Sally Seeley, Senior Responsible Officer for the project will be attending the meeting to discuss this with the Committee.
- 3.6 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.
- Councillors should bear these matters in mind when considering the proposals and discussing them with commissioners.

4. List of attached information

- 4.1 The following information can be found in the appendix to this report:

Appendix 1 – Nottinghamshire Transforming Care Partnership for Learning Disabilities and Autism: Update on progress between January and June 2016, early findings from public consultation, and changes made to proposals in light of those findings.

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

None

6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 6.1 Report to and minutes of meeting of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee held on 9 February 2016

7. Wards affected

All.

8. Contact information

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