

8 May 2018**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****BASSETLAW CHILDREN'S WARD****Purpose of the Report**

1. To allow Members to receive an update on paediatric admissions at Bassetlaw Hospital's A3 Ward.

Information

2. Members may recall that this matter was last on the agenda of the Health Scrutiny Committee on 10th October 2017, when the committee heard that following the closure of the A3 beds, staffing levels allowed for the provision of a Children's Assessment Unit, open 8:00 am to 10:00 pm seven days a week, and the provision of additional nursing support to the Emergency Department which is available 24/7. In addition, a paediatric consultant is on site until 6:00 pm.
3. It is not clinically safe to re-open the Children's Ward at night without the necessary qualified paediatric staff, and following recruitment drives the position remains unimproved.
4. Richard Henderson, Chief Executive and Moira Hardy, Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Trust will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee and answer questions as necessary. A briefing from the Trust is attached as an appendix to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Consider and comment on the information provided.
- 2) Schedule further consideration as necessary.

Councillor Keith Girling
Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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