

**18 May 2015****Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****MISDIAGNOSIS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider information on the prevalence of misdiagnosis.

**Information and Advice**

2. The Health Scrutiny Committee previously considered information from Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Mansfield and Ashfield CCG at the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014.
3. The committee heard about the ramifications of wrong diagnosis; including undercall and overcall – which have the potential to cause different forms of harm. There was also an effect on the use of resources with overcall resulting in the doubling of the number of CT scans done in the Emergency Department over the last three years.
4. Between April and November 2013 only 3 serious incidents were reported at Sherwood Forest Hospitals. The committee also heard that serious consequences from misdiagnosis are thankfully small. Nevertheless, each case must be thoroughly investigated in order to make improvements.
5. At that time Members decided not to initiate a study group to review misdiagnosis issues, but preferred to wait until further data and information was available. In particular, data which would allow comparison between Sherwood Forest Hospital and Nottingham University Hospital.
6. Elaine Moss, Chief Nurse and Director of Quality and Amanda Callow, Deputy Chief Nurse will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee meeting to brief Members on misdiagnosis and answer questions as necessary.
7. Members will wish to determine if they would like to proceed with a review of misdiagnosis issues or schedule further briefing for the future.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Considers and comments on the briefing on misdiagnosis
- 2) Determine if the topic of misdiagnosis is suitable for a Scrutiny review.

**Councillor Colleen Harwood**  
**Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee**

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## **Background Papers**

Nil

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

All