

14th March 2016**Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****SHERWOOD FOREST HOSPITALS – QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN
(FOCUS ON MATERNITY SERVICES)****Purpose of the Report**

1. To introduce an update on improvements at Sherwood Forest Hospitals further to the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection.

Information and Advice

2. Peter Herring, Interim Chief Executive Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust and Karen Fisher, Programme Director Quality Improvement Plan [to be confirmed] will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee to brief Members on the improvements that are being put in place.
3. The briefing and presentation from Sherwood Forest Hospital will cover all aspects of the Quality Improvement Plan, but Members are particularly invited to explore issues relating to Maternity Services, and to focus on other hospital services at future meetings. The CQC rated Maternity and gynaecology services as 'Requires Improvement' in the following inspection domains:
 - Safe
 - Responsive
 - Well-led
4. The CQC inspection Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust are attached as links in the background papers section of this report. The overall rating for the Trust is inadequate.
5. The areas of improvement for Maternity Services include:
 - Ensure staff in the maternity and gynaecology service understand and comply with the trust's policy regarding interpreter and translation services
 - Ensure that all risks in the maternity service are regularly reviewed and added to the trust risk register where appropriate
 - Ensure maternity information leaflets are easily available in languages other than English
 - Consider the development of a maternity services liaison committee
6. Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust have provided ten workstream overview reports and the Quality Improvement Plan Dashboard with a view to demonstrating the current state of

progress against their improvement plan with specific reference to improvements within Maternity Services.

7. Members will wish to schedule ongoing consideration the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Quality Improvement Plan at future meetings of the Health Scrutiny Committee until the issues are satisfactorily resolved.
8. Members will be aware that Nottingham University Hospitals (NUH) submitted to the hospitals regulator Monitor a proposal to enter into a long term partnership with Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust with a view to facilitating their progress towards improvement. On 15 February 2016 NUH was announced to be the preferred partner for Sherwood Forest Hospitals. NUH states that it will rapidly deploy staff to work with teams at Sherwood Forest Hospitals in order to build on recent improvements in the areas previously highlighted by the Care Quality Commission in its inspection report. NUH also recognised the impressive progress made by Sherwood Forest Hospitals.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Receives the briefing on the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Quality Improvement Plan and asks questions, as necessary, with a focus on Kings Mill Hospital
- 2) Schedules further consideration of issues of concern in relation to Sherwood Forest Hospitals, as required

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Background Papers

[Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Quality Report](#)

[Kings Mill Hospital Quality Report](#)

[Mansfield Community Hospital Quality Report](#)

[Newark Hospital Quality Report](#)

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All