



meeting	LEARNING DISABILITY CAMPUS SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE	
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Change to Local NHS – Learning Disability Campus Services

**Nottinghamshire County Teaching Primary Care Trust
Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust**

Purpose of report

1. To introduce the Select Committee to a proposed change to the local NHS and to provide Members with the opportunity to comment on the change.

Background

2. S11 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 (as amended) places a duty on NHS Trusts to involve and consult public and patients in
 - Planning services
 - Developing and considering proposals for changes in the way those services operate
 - Decisions to be made that affect how those services operate
3. S7 requires NHS Trusts to consult Overview and Scrutiny Committees on substantial variations/developments. The County Council would usually establish a Select Committee to consider a substantial variation looking at whether the proposals are in the best interests of patients and whether appropriate consultation and consideration of consultation has been made.
4. The Act does not define substantial variations/developments and this is left to the interpretation of the local OSC. In Nottinghamshire this has not been defined further to give the OSC the maximum flexibility and scope to respond to local change on behalf of the people of Nottinghamshire. It falls to this Committee to determine whether this variation/development is substantial based on factors such as
 - changes in accessibility of services;
 - impact of the service on the wider community and other services, including economic impact, transport and regeneration;

- number of patients affected, changes may affect the whole population of a geographical area or a small group. If a change affects a small group of patients it may still be 'substantial', especially if patients need to continue to access that service for many years;
 - methods of service delivery, e.g. moving a particular service into a community setting from an acute hospital setting.
5. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is responsible for co-ordinating the programme of scrutiny work and allocating topics for scrutiny to topic Select Committees.
 6. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee also has responsibility for health scrutiny which can include:
 - Scrutiny of the local NHS as part of a wider review possibly focused on a strategic priority of the Community such as scrutiny of the County Council and partners in working together to achieve an outcome of the LAA.
 - Considering and responding to changes to the local NHS as part of the requirement on NHS bodies to consult the relevant OSC. Changes can involve substantial variations and/or development of services.
 7. At the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday 10 November 2008 Members gave initial consideration to a proposal from NHS Nottinghamshire County to review the future of learning disability services in Central and North Nottinghamshire known as 'Campus Services'.
 8. This residential service is currently provided at several locations across the county in premises operated by the NHS. The Trust intends to bring forward proposals to relocate service users to locations more appropriate to their individual needs and to provide services to them in these locations.
 9. The Trust is bringing forward proposals to implement new national policy and would welcome the opportunity to discuss these proposals in detail with Members.
 10. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that:
 - a. the proposal could have implications for the accessibility of services for communities in three or more districts of Nottinghamshire. The proposal seeks to replace the current service with a very different model significantly changing the method of delivery. This proposals should be considered as **constituting a substantial variation/development** and

- b. a Select Committee of nine Members be established to consider the proposals. The Select Committee would be expected to respond to the consultation considering whether the proposals are in the best interests of patients and also seeking to ensure that the Trusts give appropriate consideration to the views of patients and the public.

Issues

- 11. NHS Nottinghamshire County have provided a briefing on the proposals for Campus Services which follows this report.
- 12. Representatives of the Trusts will attend the meeting of the Select Committee to discuss the briefing.
- 13. The Select Committee is invited to consider and respond to the proposals. The Select Committee should consider
 - (i) whether, as a statutory body, the Select Committee has been properly consulted;
 - (ii) 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;
 - (iii) whether, a proposal for changes is in the interests of the local health service.

Options

- 14. The Select Committee may wish to
 - i. Provide comments to be formulated into a response to be submitted to the Trusts. The Select Committee may wish to ask the Chair and vice chair to agree the final text of the response. If this option is preferred then the minutes of this meeting should be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for noting.
 - ii. Seek further information and hold a further meeting to consider the information and a draft response.

Recommendations

- 15. It is recommended that
 - the Select Committee consider the issues raised in the report

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Chair of the Learning Disability Campus Services Select Committee

Background papers

Valuing People, a New Strategy for Learning Disability for the 21st Century - A White Paper, March 2001 - <http://valuingpeople.gov.uk>

Our health, our care, our say: a new direction for community services, A White Paper, January 2006 - <http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Ourhealthourcareoursay>

Substantial variations and developments of health services - a guide, December 2005, the Centre for Public Scrutiny
<http://www.cfps.org.uk/publications/item.php?itemid=33>