

12 October 2021

Agenda Item: 6

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL MATERNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide an update and further information on Nottingham University Hospital's improvement programme in relation to maternity services following the Care Quality Commission (CQC) rating of inadequate in December 2020.

Information

2. This matter was last considered by the Health Scrutiny on 8th June 2021, when Members heard the CQC had highlighted concerns about the consistent interpretation by staff of foetal heart rate monitoring, the lack of compatibility between electronic systems and the failure to learn the lessons from past serious incidents.
3. Representatives of the Trust were requested to bring a more detailed briefing to a future meeting of the committee, to include: staffing levels in respect of midwives and consultants, to include a breakdown of levels of training and experience within the midwifery cohort; an update on the roll-out of CTG machines within the Service, and delivery of training in their use, an assessment of aftercare issues for mothers and babies post-discharge; an explanation of what constituted an 'incident,' and feedback on engagement with the lockdown mums' support group.
4. Dr Keith Girling, Medical Director of NUH and other senior colleagues will attend the meeting to present the information and answer questions, as necessary.
5. A written briefing from NUH is attached to this report as appendix 1. In addition, a presentation which will be given by Dr Girling is attached as Appendix 2.
6. Members are requested to consider and comment on the information provided and identify requirements for information for future consideration as part of this ongoing review.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Consider and comment on the information provided.
- 2) Identifies requirements for information for future consideration.

Councillor Sue Saddington
Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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