

Purpose

1. This report provides Members with an update on work being undertaken by Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust and Doncaster Primary Care Trust that could lead to changes to acute health – hospital - services in North Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire.

Information

2. The County Council's Overview and Scrutiny function has a statutory duty to receive consultations from NHS Trusts for proposals for substantial variations or developments of local health services. It provides Members the opportunity to respond to the consultation and to consider:
 - i. whether as a statutory body the OSC has been properly consulted within the consultation period
 - ii. whether in developing the proposals for service change, the Trust has taken into account the public interest through appropriate patient and public involvement and consultation
 - iii. whether the proposals for change are in the interests of the local health service
3. Whilst no specific proposals are being consulted on at this stage, this report provides Members the opportunity to give consideration to work by Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust (PCT) that could lead the variation/development of acute health services in North Nottinghamshire.

4. The Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee included a discussion on Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's "Ambitions for the Future" project in its programme of work in December 2009.
5. At that time Members expected to be informed that a public consultation was to be undertaken on the 'Ambitions for the Future' project. The project included four proposals for change which would affect the care provided to patients in Bassetlaw, Doncaster and Mexborough hospitals.
6. As part of the assurance process undertaken prior to the commencement of the consultation it was recommended that the proposed service changes should form part of a wider strategy.
7. At the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee on 18 January 2010, Phil Mettam, Director of Commissioning for NHS Bassetlaw informed Members that NHS Bassetlaw and Doncaster PCT would be taking forward recommendations from the assurance process. The Committee was told that the consultation on service changes put forward by Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals Foundation Trust as part of 'Ambitions for the future' project would not take place until the strategies identified in the assurance process had been developed.
8. The Standing Committee was provided with further details of forthcoming proposals by NHS Bassetlaw on 1 November 2010. In anticipation of public consultation the Committee scheduled consideration of the proposals as part of the programme of work.
9. At the last meeting of the Standing Committee it was reported that the expected consultation would be delayed until May 2011. The Programme of work was rescheduled to reflect this.

10. In advance of detailed proposals being announced, the following independent reports commissioned by NHS Bassetlaw and NHS Doncaster were published in January 2011:

- **Review of Maternity and Gynaecology Services across Bassetlaw and Doncaster** by Mr Martin de Bono Divisional Director, Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust
- **Options for the Delivery of Safe, High Quality Sustainable Health Services for Bassetlaw Children** by Dr Adrian Brooke, Consultant Paediatrician at Leicestershire Community Child Health Services Children's Work Stream Lead, NHS East Midlands

11. The executive summaries of these reports are attached as an appendix. A copy of the full report can be obtained from the NHS Bassetlaw website: www.bassetlaw-pct.nhs.uk

12. Representatives of NHS Bassetlaw have been invited to attend the meeting to provide Members with an update on the proposals and future consultation.

Recommendation

13. It is recommended that

the Health & Wellbeing committee consider any issues raised.

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Background papers:

CfPS Substantial Variations and Developments of Health Services, a Guide 2005

Review of Maternity and Gynaecology Services across Bassetlaw and Doncaster, January 2011

Options for the Delivery of Safe, High Quality Sustainable Health Services for Bassetlaw Children, January 2011