

Membership

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Martin Gately
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Also in attendance

Hazel Buchanan
Lewis Etoria
Ajanta Biswas

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1. **APOLOGIES**

None.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **NHS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTRE – CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

Hazel Buchanan and Lewis Etoria of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG introduced the item, which provided the Committee with an opportunity to comment on the outcomes of the CCG's consultation on the NHS National Rehabilitation Centre before its consideration by the CCG Board.

Ms Buchanan and Mr Etoria made the following points:

- The responses to the one-option consultation had been strongly supportive (77%) of the key proposal to create the Rehabilitation facility at Stanford Hall, with a smaller majority (52%) strongly supporting transferring the service currently provided at Linden Lodge;
- Two-thirds of respondents were from Nottinghamshire, with 19% of respondents being current or former recipients of rehabilitation. A further 33% were carers or close family members of those having or had previously had rehabilitation;
- Key benefits identified included having a purpose-built facility with multi-disciplinary expertise under one roof, the expected improvement in inpatient outcomes, the benefits of sharing expertise and best practice with Defence counterparts and opportunities to develop education and research;
- Concerns about the proposals centred on distance and accessibility of the new site, particularly in respect of family and friends' involvement in rehabilitation. Concerns were also raised about the closure of Linden Lodge, the transition of services from there to Stanford Hall, the lack of proximity to acute services and the transition from inpatient to community care;
- The outcomes of both the main consultation and the CCG-commissioned Healthwatch report were being considered in tandem, with a Findings Consideration Panel making recommendations on how best to reflect on the consultation findings in final proposals;
- A Decision Making Business Case would be developed for consideration by CCG's Governing Body, initially in closed session, with a final decision on the development of the Rehabilitation Centre expected by the end of 2020.

During the wide-ranging discussion which followed, a number of issues were raised and points made:

- while it was confirmed that detailed referral criteria would determine who would receive rehabilitation, concern was expressed as to those who might fall out of consideration because of their level of need. It was confirmed that an independent audit would be carried out shortly after new arrangements went live, but there would be a period of adjustment and learning;
- while there were clear benefits in having a wide range of expertise and facilities on one site, the view was expressed that the services and care currently provided by Linden Lodge were not being replicated at the Stanford Hall site;
- recruitment work had begun for the new facility, but it was acknowledged that there were challenges in recruiting clinicians nationally, and that the physical location was not considered to be easily accessible;

- It was further acknowledged that concerns of professional bodies would need addressing in the detailed Business Case;
- The point was made that there had been little media coverage of the consultation in North Nottinghamshire;
- It was explained that detailed staffing considerations were being worked up in a workforce plan. It was further explained that outpatient/day care would be provided at NUH, and that there was potential additional capacity available;
- The Healthwatch representative Ajanta Biswas, who joined the meeting at this point, cautioned that the voices and life experiences of individuals who contributed to the Healthwatch report should not be lost in consideration of wider consultation findings;
- CCG representatives advised that the current Linden Lodge facility was not fit for purpose, and was not used for clinical purposes. They further advised that funding was not currently factored in to retain Linden Lodge for an overlapping transition period ;
- However, in view of the Committee's concerns about continuity of service between the current facilities at Linden Lodge and the new facility at Stanford Hall, it recommended there being a minimum overlapping transition period of 6 months, and possibly up to 12 months, where both facilities remained open as Linden Lodge wound down services and Stanford Hall became fully operational.

The Chair thanked Ms Buchanan and Mr Etoria for their attendance.

4. WORK PROGRAMME

It was confirmed that the issue of mental health and Covid-19, which was originally on the agenda for the October 2020 meeting, would come to November's meeting.

The Dentistry update scheduled for November 2020 would now come to December's meeting.

The Chair undertook to write to the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG to press for responses to outstanding issues arising from the July 2020 meeting.

It was also agreed to add the following the list of potential topics for scrutiny:

- Consistency of access to GP Appointments;
- NHS 111 CCG consultation.

The meeting closed at 3:20pm.

CHAIRMAN

