

16 March 2017**Agenda Item: 4****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****IN-VITRO FERTILISATION – VARIATION OF SERVICE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To allow consideration by the Health Scrutiny Committee of the consultation results and decision making in relation to variations in the In-Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) Service commissioned by Mansfield & Ashfield and Newark & Sherwood CCG.

Information and Advice

2. Members will recall having previously received some initial briefing on potential changes to the IVF service and responses to the consultation. The Health Scrutiny Committee is now presented with the results of the consultation and the decision making made by the commissioners.
3. Dr Amanda Sullivan, Chief Officer, Mansfield and Ashfield CCG and Newark and Sherwood CCG and Sally Dore Pathway Redesign Manager at NHS Arden & Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit will attend this meeting to make a presentation on the outcomes of the consultation and the reasoning behind the decision making.
4. Health Scrutiny Committees have a particular role in examining how health service changes are consulted on and if the proposed changes are in the interests of the local health service. Members are invited to give their views on how this change was consulted on, and to determine if the proposed change is in the interests of the local health service.
5. If the Health Scrutiny Committee does not determine that the change is in the interests of the local health service, there will need to follow a period of engagement with the commissioners to seek to resolve the disagreement. The Health Scrutiny Committee may wish to recommend further consultation or variations to the proposal. When all attempts to resolve the matter are exhausted, and if the Health Scrutiny Committee still believes that the proposed change is not in the interests of the local health service the committee may refer the matter to the Secretary of State for Health. The power to refer resides with the Local Authority, not the Health Scrutiny Committee, therefore the decision is made at a full meeting of Nottinghamshire County Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Consider and comment on the IVF treatment consultation and decision making
- 2) Determine if the proposed change is in the interests of the local health service
- 3) Schedule further consideration of these issues, as necessary

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Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All