

15 November 2022

Agenda Item: 5

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

UPDATE ON NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS ACUTE STROKE SERVICE

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide an update on the relocation of the Nottingham University Hospitals (NUH) Acute Stroke Service, which had initially taken place during the pandemic, and to endorse that the move be made permanent.

Information

2. The Committee received a comprehensive update at its July 2020 meeting in respect of measures taken to ensure continuity of service during the COVID 19 pandemic. The update covered a range of services, including the temporary relocation of the Acute Stroke Service from City Hospital to the QMC. Stroke rehabilitation services remained at City Hospital.
3. The changes endorsed by the Committee in 2020 were in line with national frameworks put in place at the time to deliver restoration of services following the first lockdown and provided vital capacity at the City Hospital site for patients recovering from Covid 19 infection. The relocation also meant that the Acute Stroke Service was co-located with the Emergency Department.
4. The update report provides a narrative on the clinical effectiveness and impact on clinical services and on community providers of the changes, and explains that consultation and engagement undertaken as part of the wider Tomorrow's NUH initiative is strongly supportive of the co-location of emergency support services. That support is also evidenced through patient and carer feedback specific to the Acute Stroke Service. Committee endorsement for making the re-location of the Acute Stroke Service permanent is therefore recommended.
5. A briefing from the Integrated Care Board is attached as an appendix to this report. Members are requested to consider and comment on the information provided.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Notes that relocation has maximised the opportunity to provide timely assessment and treatment to patients;
- 2) Notes that patient experience continues to be positive;
- 3) Notes the support from patients and the public to co-locate emergency services on one site; and
- 4) Endorses the position that the re-location of the Acute Stroke Service be made permanent.

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Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Health Scrutiny Committee report considered in July 2020.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All