

8 January 2019**Agenda Item: 5**

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

BASSETLAW HOSPITAL – CHILDREN’S WARD UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide the latest information regarding admissions to Bassetlaw’s A3 Ward.

Information

2. Following the closure of the ward to night time admissions in January 2017, an update on paediatric admissions was last brought to the Health Scrutiny Committee in May 2018, when Members heard that on average 11 children were being transferred from Bassetlaw to Doncaster each week. While weekly figures do show some seasonal variation, the numbers are fairly consistent over the last 12 months. Overall, attendances on the unit have dropped slightly.
3. The closure of the ward was for safety reasons due to staff shortages, and the Trust continues to advertise for additional nursing staff. Since 2017 a number of recruitment campaigns have taken place, including hosting open events for newly qualified nurses and midwives.
4. Senior representatives of the Trust will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee to present information and answer questions as necessary. A written briefing is attached as an appendix to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Considers and comments on the information provided.
- 2) Schedules further consideration, as necessary.

Councillor Keith Girling
Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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