

Response to Recommendations from the Review of NHS Services in Newark

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Purpose

1. Overview and Scrutiny provides elected Members with the opportunity to review concerns and make positive recommendations for improvement.
2. In March 2010 the NHS Services in Newark Review Group (Sub Committee) made three recommendations as part of a response to an NHS Consultation. This report provides Members with the opportunity to receive a response to those recommendations.

Information

3. In November 2009 the Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee was consulted by NHS Nottinghamshire County on a substantial variation of NHS services in Newark.
4. A Review Group of elected Members provided a response to the NHS consultation and made three recommendations:
 - The independent report into emergency ambulance services in and around Newark should be made available to the public. A clear and concise version should also be made available and its findings communicated.
 - The County Council, NHS Nottinghamshire County, Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trusts and others should commission work to review demand for transport between Newark, Newark Hospital, Mansfield Community Hospital, Kings Mill Hospital and the Ashfield Health Village.

- NHS Nottinghamshire County should consider an option to provide additional urgent care services on Friday and Saturday nights. These services should be in addition to the services that would be provided at a minor injuries unit plus operating 7am – midnight.
5. A report was sent to NHS Nottinghamshire County and Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. It was also received by the County Council's Cabinet in April 2010.
 6. A response to these recommendations has been requested from the following organisations/Members, who have been invited to attend the meeting:
 - NHS Nottinghamshire County
 - Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
 - Portfolio Holder for Transport & Highways
 7. The Standing Committee is invited to consider the response to the recommendations and determine when it should receive an update on progress implementing recommendations following an appropriate period of time.

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee

agree that details of implementation of the recommendations be provided within an appropriate period of time.

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Background papers: nil

