

ITEM No

**JOINT CITY AND COUNTY
HEALTH SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

9 SEPTEMBER 2008

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY – NOTTINGHAM CITY
COUNCIL**

**MODERNISING DAY HOSPITAL SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE WITH
MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS**

1 SUMMARY

This meeting will be attended by Jim Walker, Divisional Manager, Performance and Planning at the Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust. He is attending to update Members on the progress made in developing the Trust's plans for changing day hospital services for older people with mental health problems. Mr Walker will be accompanied by representatives of Nottinghamshire County Teaching Primary Care Trust, Nottingham City Primary Care Trust, Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council Adult Services Departments.

This report reminds Members of the information requested by the Committee the last time this issue was considered.

2 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members consider the information provided by the Trust and any additional verbal information provided by Mr Walker and the other officers and use this to inform any comments they wish to make to the Trust on the development of the plans.

3 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 At the Committee's meeting of 15 April, Jim Walker, Divisional Manager, Performance and Planning, Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust, attended to update Members on the development of the Trust's plans for changes to day hospital services for older people with mental health problems. During the discussions on this issue the following matters were considered:

- a) Plans for seamless care pathways to ensure people were supported at home once they had been discharged;
- b) Work to progress a system where direct payments could be used to provide respite care and support in the home;
- c) Increased screening of patients to identify early onset dementia;
- d) Partnership working with both local authorities, as well as health agencies, in this process.

3.2 The following concerns were raised by members:-

- a) It was suggested that it had taken too long to develop the action plan and that there did not appear to have been much involvement by patient representatives or groups to date;
- b) In providing more services in the home or through using direct payments it was placing more responsibility on carers;
- c) It was suggested that the steering group comprising representation from both local authorities, healthcare and social care commissioners should also include representation from patient groups.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Following the discussions the Committee agreed that the following recommendations be forwarded to the Trust:

- a) That the Healthcare Trust address the apparent lack of involvement of service users or carers in the development of the proposals (for example, the lack of service user or carer representation on the multi-agency steering group) before proposals are finalised for consultation;
- b) that a further report on progress be submitted by the Healthcare Trust to this Committee and that representatives of the City and County Adult Services Departments be invited to attend;

3.4 Members may wish to ask Jim Walker and other officers for a response to their concerns and recommendations at this meeting.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

5.1 The meeting will receive a presentation and report from the Healthcare Trust, as well as a report on behalf of Nottingham City PCT, Nottinghamshire County tPCT, Bassetlaw PCT, Adult Social Care and Health, Nottinghamshire County Council and Adult Services, Housing and Health, Nottingham City Council.

6 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING EXEMPT OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

None

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

Reports to and minutes of the meetings of the Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee held on 9 October 2007, 12 February 2008 and 15 April 2008.

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