

Membership

Councillors

Keith Girling (Chair)
Richard Butler
Dr John Doddy
Kevin Greaves
David Martin
Michael Payne
Liz Plant
Kevin Rostance
Steve Vickers
Muriel Weisz

Officers

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| Martin Gately | Nottinghamshire County Council |
| Noel McMenamin | Nottinghamshire County Council |

Also in attendance

Councillor John Longden

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| Adam Brooks | NHS East Midlands Trauma Centre |
| Sarah Collis | Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Healthwatch |
| Miriam Duffy | NHS East Midlands Trauma Centre |
| Moirra Hardy | Bassetlaw Hospital |
| David Purdue | Bassetlaw Hospital |
| Alison Wynne | Nottingham University Hospitals Trust |

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 20 November 2018, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chair.

2. APOLOGIES

None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. DEFENCE AND NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTRE

Adam Brooks, Clinical Director, East Midlands Major Trauma Centre, Miriam Duffy, Programme Director, National Rehabilitation Centre and Alison Wynne, Director of Strategy and Transformation at the Nottingham University Hospitals Trust provided an update and presentation on the National Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) on the Stanford Hall Estate in rural Nottinghamshire.

The following points were raised within their briefing and presentation:-

- 5 delivery boards report to the NRC Programme Board, - Clinical, Training and Education, Research and Innovation, Capital and Planning, and Legal and Commercial;
- The NRC is to deliver rehabilitation programmes for up to 800 patients (both defence and civilian) following completion of an acute hospital stay. The rehabilitation clinical model will improve outcomes particularly in respect of a return to functional lives;
- The NRC will help provide improved outcomes for the East Midlands population, with a reduction in ongoing social care costs through improved patient functionality;
- The Centre will also provide employment opportunities, attracting the best talent in the fields of research and innovation and training and education;
- In addition to the £300 million raised through a variety of funding streams, the Chancellor in his 2018 Autumn Statement approved £70 million for capital investment in the Centre;

The Chair welcomed the introduction and presentation, and explained that he was to visit the NRC in his capacity of Armed Forces Champion for the County Council.

During discussions, a number of issues were raised:-

- It was confirmed that there was a discrete and secure military facility within the Centre, and that there were no shared rehabilitation sessions involving both civilians and military personnel. There was some interface in the shared open space within the site, but this was by individual choice;
- Prospective beneficiaries were required to undergo a full rehabilitation assessment, and to formally commit to their own rehabilitation;
- Mental rehabilitation and recovery post-trauma was just as important as physical rehabilitation, and NRC representatives welcomed an offer of assistance to support the whole individual from the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Healthwatch;
- It was confirmed that the NRC was an adult establishment with a focus on re-enablement for those of working age, and it was not the intention to rehabilitate children or the elderly onsite;
- The NRC was looking at ways to improve both public transport and virtual links to the facility, so that family and friends could visit those in recovery, or contact them via skype, more easily.

The Chair thanked Adam Brooks, Miriam Duffy and Alison Wynne for their attendance.

5. BASSETLAW HOSPITAL – CHILDREN’S WARD UPDATE

David Purdue, Deputy Chief Executive and Moira Hardy, Nursing Director, Bassetlaw Hospital provided the Committee with an update on recruitment and retention issues and their impact on paediatric provision at Bassetlaw Hospital, making the following points:

- Despite a number of recruitment drives throughout 2018 to reduce vacancies for children’s nurses, capacity issues remained extremely challenging for Bassetlaw and neighbouring hospitals, and in part reflected national pressures in the sector;
- During a recent unannounced Care Quality Commission inspection, the hospital received a ‘Good’ rating for Leadership. Children’s Services and Maternity Services. It received a ‘Requires Improvement’ for its Emergency Department and this was because the standard determines that there should be 2 qualified children’s nurses available at all times, which Bassetlaw cannot currently meet;
- the hospital is exploring potential collaboration with the Universities of Sunderland and Sheffield Hallam on developing specialist training in children’s nursing;

During discussions, a number of issues were raised:-

- It was explained that overseas recruitment was not an option for filling the children’s nursing vacancies as overseas candidates did not have the specific or equivalent qualifications. In addition, children’s nurses often preferred working within specialist children’s services, such as those at the Sheffield Treatment Centre;
- While there was a rota system in operation between hospitals, this sometimes provided the opportunity to sample different work environments, and in an employer-led jobs market staff have sometimes chosen to move on;
- It was pointed out that an entire recruitment cycle could run its course, only for there not to be an appointable candidate. It was not appropriate to appoint the most successful candidate in this instance, despite the pressures on existing staff
- Care quality governance and standards are evidence-based and so it’s difficult to disagree with stricter capacity requirements being rolled out, even when these placed ever greater pressure to comply on the hospital. However, it was agreed that concerns would be raised at the national level;
- It was confirmed that the hospital continued to make provision for ambulance cover above and beyond that contracted to the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) It was also explained that there had been a number of meetings with EMAS to resolve the wider issue without success. The same

issues had not arisen to anywhere near the same extent with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service;

- The Committee was reminded that Bassetlaw hospital was commended for introducing the additional ambulance provision in the interests of patient safety and service;
- The Chair advised that EMAS was due to attend the Committee in March 2019, and that they would be requested to explain this element of their performance as part of their update.

The Chair thanked Dr Purdue and Ms Hardy for their attendance.

WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee agreed the following amendments to the work programme:-

- Whyburn Medical Practice, Hucknall:
Move to February 2019 from March 2019;
- East Midlands Ambulance Service – Recruitment Update:
March 2019: to include response to issues raised in respect of Bassetlaw Hospital;
- Air Quality:
Add to June 2019;
- Integrated Care System – Prevention
Add to June 2019
- Ashfield HomeStart Review Update:
Add to June 2019

The meeting closed at 12.10pm.

CHAIRMAN