

NHS Rehabilitation Centre – Update to the Nottinghamshire County Health Scrutiny Committee

July 2020

Briefing

Purpose and background

We have been updating the Committee on our proposals for establishing an NHS Rehabilitation Centre at the Stanford Hall Estate, which hosts the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre (DMRC), over the last year.

We previously notified the Committee of our intention to launch a public consultation on these proposals in March 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this consultation was postponed.

We are now planning to launch a public consultation on 27 July 2020 and wish to formally notify the Committee, and to provide reassurance around our plans for delivering a virtual consultation.

Focus of presentation

This section provides a summary of the plans we will present to the committee for discussion.

Our approach to the consultation

We have shared with the Committee our updated Consultation Plan and Consultation Document. Our Consultation Plan sets out how we will undertake a public consultation without face-to-face contact, including the mitigations we will make to ensure we adhere to best practice guidelines.

Our presentation will also provide assurance that our consultation can be delivered effectively, and will include a summary of the legal and procedural advice we have received.

We will retain most of the features within our original Consultation Plan, replacing face-to-face engagement activity with virtual engagement activity. This includes online events and focus groups and a questionnaire. We will retain the support of Healthwatch, who will engage with a number of groups identified as facing barriers to accessing services.

Options and timescales for a potential public consultation

We intend to undertake a one-option consultation for a period of 8 weeks commencing on July 27 2020, seeking feedback on a detailed proposal for the development of services at the NHS Rehabilitation Centre. Our proposal is detailed in our Consultation Document.