

ITEM No

JOINT CITY AND COUNTY
HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9 DECEMBER 2008

REPORT OF HEAD OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL)

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS TRUST – EMERGENCY PATHWAYS

1 SUMMARY

This meeting will be attended by Dr Andy Hayne, Emergency Pathway lead, Julia Hickling, Director of Strategy and Rebecca Larder, Deputy Director of Strategy, Nottingham University Hospitals Trust. They will be giving a presentation to Members on a data collection exercise undertaken to establish the pattern of emergency pathways at Nottingham University Hospitals.

2 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

Members are requested to consider the information contained within the presentation and use it to inform their questioning and any recommendations they wish to make.

3 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 Members of this Committee have expressed some concerns regarding the experiences of individuals who attend the Emergency Department and have also raised concerns about the experiences of patients admitted to assessment wards. Some, but not all, of these concerns have been addressed through scrutiny of Emergency Department discharge procedures.

3.2 Representatives of Nottingham University Hospitals will attend this meeting to report to the Committee on a data collection exercise that was undertaken in July this year to assess its response to unplanned emergency care. Their presentation will give members a snapshot of the pattern of activity in relation to emergency care, as well as provide an opportunity to ask more detailed questions in relation to their concerns about the patient experience when attending the Emergency Department or an assessment ward.

4 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nottingham University Hospitals Trust has provided a paper and a copy of presentation slides informing the Committee of the outcome of the data collection exercise on emergency pathways, which are included in the papers for today's meeting.

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

None

6 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee held on 8 July 2008.

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