

## COUNCILLORS

Keith Girling (Chairman)  
Martin Wright (Vice-Chairman)

Richard Butler **A**  
John Doddy **A**  
Kevin Greaves  
David Martin  
Liz Plant

Kevin Rostance  
Stuart Wallace  
Muriel Weisz  
Yvonne Woodhead

## SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillor John Longdon substituted for Councillor Richard Butler  
Councillor Gordon Wheeler substituted for Councillor John Doddy

## Officers

Martin Gately  
Noel McMenamin

Nottinghamshire County Council  
Nottinghamshire County Council

## Also in attendance

Dr Mary Antoun  
Ajanta Biswas  
Hazel Buchanan  
Lucy Dadge  
Dr Hilary Lovelock  
Catherine Pope  
Steven Smith

Nottingham University Hospitals Trust  
Healthwatch Nottingham & Nottinghamshire  
Nottingham & Nottinghamshire CCG  
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Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust  
Nottingham & Nottinghamshire CCG

## 1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Richard Butler (Council business)  
Councillor John Doddy (other reasons)

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### **3. BRIEFING ON REHABILITATION SERVICES IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

The Chair gave a brief introduction to the item. He explained that the Committee had previously considered the consultation response to the NHS National Rehabilitation Centre in October 2020, and at its November 2020 had considered proposals to shift services at the Chatsworth Rehabilitation ward to a community-only model.

In view of inconsistencies arising from considering different elements of the Rehabilitation offer in Nottinghamshire in isolation – specifically in respect of patients requiring level 2b inpatient care and the future of Linden Lodge – this meeting had been convened to receive a comprehensive overview of Rehabilitation Services. This provided the opportunity to revisit, if required, previous Committee conclusions on Rehabilitation Services in Nottinghamshire.

Lucy Dadge and Hazel Buchanan of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG introduced the report and provided a detailed presentation. The presentation defined what was meant by rehabilitation, elaborated on different examples of rehabilitation services – including stroke, cardiac, pulmonary and oncology services, before focussing on the neuro-rehabilitation pathway in Nottinghamshire and beyond.

Catherine Pope of the Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust elaborated on three detailed case studies, explaining how a range of life-changing conditions were addressed through the pathway.

During discussion, a number of issues were raised and points made:

- CCG and Healthcare Trust representatives gave assurance that the revised structure of neuro-rehabilitation services was structured around the needs of individuals, and that delivering those services in a community setting helped provide the best possible service to patients;
- Clinicians advised that functional patient rehabilitation was more successful in a community setting, and reiterated the point that no-one would be left with unmet need as a result of the service changes or transition arrangements;
- It was explained that efficiencies arising from moving to a community-based model would be reinvested to enhance that service provision
- It was acknowledged that for the families of those requiring inpatient care there was a greater physical distance involved, particularly for those living in mid- and north Nottinghamshire. However, patient need would better met at the state-of-the-art facilities at Stanford Hall, while enhanced community services post-discharge would help provide better quality of life for patients;
- It was explained that the timescales for transition arrangements were under constant review, but were driven by assessment and delivery of care to patients, and not by timescales for decanting physically from where services were currently be delivered;

- Assurance was given that anyone needing inpatient care would receive it, and the point was made that appropriate social care packages needed to be in place for those lacking family or wider support structures;
- It was explained that the challenges presented by the emergence of Long Covid were being addressed, and that it was hoped that commissioning would be rolled out in the near future.

In view of the additional information, clarification and assurance provided in respect of Rehabilitation Services in Nottinghamshire, the Committee was persuaded that the needs of patients were best served by the move to a community-based model of service delivery.

The Committee also agreed to rescind its recommendations on transition arrangements for Linden Lodge patients as agreed at its October 2020, when it had called for there being a minimum overlapping transition period of 6 months, and possibly up to 12 months, where both facilities remained open as Linden Lodge wound down services and Stanford Hall became fully operational.

The Chairman thanked CCG, NUH and Healthcare Trust representatives for their attendance, especially at such a critical time in the roll-out of the Covid 19 vaccination programme.

#### **4. WORK PROGRAMME**

It was noted that consideration of the Care Quality Commission's report on Maternity Services at NUH was now scheduled for the Committee's March 2021 meeting.

The meeting closed at 12:10pm.

**CHAIRMAN**