

**29 March 2022**

**Agenda Item: 4**

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL MATERNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an update and further information on Nottingham University Hospital's improvement programme in relation to maternity services following the Care Quality Commission (CQC) rating of inadequate in December 2020.

#### **Information**

2. This matter was last considered by the Health Scrutiny on 12 October 2021, when Members heard:
  - NUH continued to work closely with the CCG and Healthwatch to inform improvements, and had recently launched a 24/7 Maternity Advice Line, which was staffed by midwives and had been well-received by service users;
  - A Family and Friends Test initiative had received positive feedback, and QR Codes had been made available for ease of use to boost response rates;
  - Video training material was now in place which used the testimony of a mother who had lost an infant to reinforce key health, messages for midwives and wider staff on patient safety and duty of candour;
  - Parents who had poor levels of maternity service had attended the most recent meeting of the NUH Trust Broad, providing powerful witness statements directly to the Trust's decision makers;
  - Women's stories were now an integral part of staff training.
3. Representatives of the Trust were requested to bring a more detailed briefing to a future meeting of the committee, to include: the full maternity improvement plan, details of serious incidents and payments of compensation.

4. Rupert Egginton, Interim Chief Executive, Sharon Wallis, Director of Maternity and Tiffany Jones Director of Communications will attend the meeting to present the information and answer questions, as necessary.
5. Written briefings and presentation from NUH are attached as appendices to this report. The appendices are as follows: a) Presentation b) Maternity Services Report monthly data c) MBBRACE Report d) Friends and Family Test service report e) Maternity Improvement Action Plan.
6. Members are requested to consider and comment on the information provided and identify requirements for information for future consideration as part of this ongoing review.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Consider and comment on the information provided.
- 2) Identifies requirements for information for future consideration.

**Councillor Sue Saddington**  
**Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee**

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### **Background Papers**

Nil

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All