

**21 February 2023**

**Agenda Item: 5**

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

### **NUH CHIEF EXECUTIVE - MATERNITY SERVICES – CURRENT PERFORMANCE AND ONGOING IMPROVEMENT WORK**

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

1. To consider the latest information and the new Nottingham University Hospital (NUH) Chief Executive's perspective on current performance and ongoing improvement work in respect of maternity services.

#### **Information**

2. At the Committee's meeting on 14 June 2022, it was reported that NHS England and NHS Improvement had drawn an Independent Thematic Review of maternity services to a close, and that a new national review, led by Donna Ockenden would be undertaken. As a result, the Committee agreed that it was appropriate to step back and let the national Review get on with its vital work.
3. It was also agreed that the Committee would no longer consider the Care Quality Commission's report on its re-inspection of maternity services, published in May 2022, as the report would help inform the national Review. The Committee will have the opportunity to consider the national Review, once published.
4. The new NUH Chief Executive Anthony May is attending the Committee for the first time to provide his perspective on the key priorities and challenges facing the Trust. At its January 2023 meeting, the Committee requested that updates and perspectives on maternity services and winter planning should be the subject of discrete reports, rather than being included as a single wide-ranging report.
5. Mr May will be accompanied by Lisa Kelly, Chief Operating Officer, Michelle Rhodes, Chief Nurse and Sharon Wallis, Director of Midwifery to brief members and answer questions.
6. Further to the Committee's decision of June 2022 in relation to the Ockenden Review, the focus of the Committee' scrutiny for this agenda item will be on current performance and the ongoing improvement work (including those improvements that have been implemented as a result of interim feedback and engagement arising from the Ockenden Review).

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Notes the update information about the Ockenden Review.
- 2) Considers and comments on the information provided about the current performance and ongoing improvement work.

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

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### **Background Papers**

Nil

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

All