

14 January 2020

Agenda Item: 4

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

## NOTTINGHAM TREATMENT CENTRE

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the briefing provided by Nottingham University Hospitals (NUH) on the performance of Nottingham Treatment Centre.

### Information

- 2. The Nottingham Treatment Centre was on the agenda of the Health Scrutiny Committee in July 2019, when Members heard the following points:
  - Both Circle and NUH had worked very closely and under stringent time pressures to ensure a smooth service transfer by the transfer date of 29 July 2019, covering buildings and equipment, staffing levels, patient records, and a raft of other areas;
  - TUPE arrangements were well in hand, with around 600 Circle staff expected to transfer to NUH imminently;
  - The CCG was working closely with NUH to ensure that the very complex logistical challenges involved in transferring services were being addressed.
  - NUH would seek to reduce reliance on a large number of ad hoc staff for service delivery going forward and confirmed that the temporary closure of the Short Stay Unit was not as a result of uncertainty over cover from this cohort of staff;
  - The NUH acknowledged that there were issues in respect of pensions arrangements for a small number of staff, which the Trust was committed to resolving. It was also pointed out that TUPE arrangements did not have a time limit, but rather could only be changed through the offer and acceptance of revised contract arrangements for affected staff;
- 3. Dr Keith Girling, Medical Director, NUH will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee to provide briefing and answer questions as necessary.
- 4. A written briefing is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 5. Members may wish to consider when to schedule further consideration of this issue.

# RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Consider and comment on the information provided.
- 2) Schedules further consideration, as necessary.

#### Councillor Keith Girling Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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#### **Background Papers**

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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