

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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