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## **Report of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Health Select Committee**

### **DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT CENTRE REPORT – RESPONSE FROM RUSHCLIFFE PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

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

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Joint Committee of the response of Rushcliffe Primary Care Trust to its report on the Diagnostic and Treatment Centre (DTC) to be built on the Queen's Medical Centre (QMC) campus.

#### **Final Report**

2. Members will recall that the content of a report on the proposed DTC at the QMC was discussed at the meeting on 29 June 2004. It was agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair could amend the draft report to take into account comments made by Members. This was done and the final report was submitted to the Rushcliffe Primary Care Trust Board as the lead commissioner for the DTC. A copy of the report was circulated to all Members and a copy is attached as Appendix A. The report was also sent to other interested local bodies for information including all the appropriate Patient Forums, MPs etc.

#### **Response of the Primary Care Trust**

3. The report was received by the Rushcliffe PCT Board at its meeting on 28 July 2004. It was agreed that its Chief Executive, Mark Morgan would have delegated authority to make a response. The PCT's response is attached as Appendix B. Martin Hughes will be attending the meeting so he can update Members on the latest position.
4. Martin Hughes, Lead Commissioner (Rushcliffe PCT) will be attending the meeting to answer any questions relating to the PCT's response. He will also be able to update the Committee on the progress made with the DTC over the last couple of months.

## **Recommendation**

5. It is recommended that:

the Committee discusses the response of Rushcliffe PCT to the report on the proposed Diagnostic and Treatment Centre.

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**Chair of the Joint Health**  
**Committee**

**Cllr Gill Haymes**  
**Vice-Chair of the Joint Health**  
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## **DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT CENTRE**

### **Aim of the Scrutiny Review Exercise**

To review the service implications for patients of the proposed new Diagnostic and Treatment Centre on the Queen's Medical Centre campus.

### **Objectives**

1. To examine the focus of the DTC by considering the proposed range of services to be undertaken.
2. To examine the impact of the transfer of services to the DTC, especially in respect of the accident and emergency service, and the chronically ill, at the Queen's Medical Centre.
3. To consider the governance arrangements for the DTC to provide local accountability.
4. To consider the impact of the DTC on health inequalities.
5. To consider transport and access issues in respect of the DTC.

### **Timescale**

The Joint City/County Health Committee aims to produce its report by mid-May 2004 (to be confirmed).

### **Action Plan**

The review consists of a number of activities designed to achieve the five objectives of the review. Many of these activities will contribute to more than one objective.

#### **Objective 1**

1. To examine the focus of the DTC by considering the proposed range of services to be undertaken.
  - Gather evidence on proposed range of services to be provided by DTC (meet with Martin Hughes)
  - Gather evidence on impact of loss of services on QMC (meet with QMC Chief Executive/rep)
  - Gather information on the impact on staff contracts (meet with Martin Hughes)
  - Gather evidence on range of services being undertaken by DTCs elsewhere in the country (desk research)

## **Objective 2**

2. To examine the impact of the transfer of services to the DTC, especially in respect of the accident and emergency service at the Queen's Medical Centre.
  - Gather evidence on impact on QMC with specific information on the accident and emergency service and the chronically ill (meet with QMC Chief Executive/rep)
  - Consider the impact on after care for DTC patients (meet with PCTs and Social Services)
  - Ask the Patient and Public Involvement Forums in Greater Nottingham to monitor impact and report back
  - Consider changes in staffing levels at the QMC from the patient perspective (meet with QMC Chief Executive/rep)
  - Consider the financial implications of PCTs funding the DTC and any subsequent reduction in the QMC budget (meet with QMC Chief Executive/rep)
  - Consider the impact on Social Services Departments and the patient pathways, including aftercare and the impact on the voluntary sector (Evidence from Martin Hughes, City & County Social Services departments and voluntary sector)

## **Objective 3**

3. To consider the governance arrangements for the DTC to provide local accountability.
  - Gather evidence on proposed Governance arrangements for DTC (meet with Martin Hughes)
  - Gather views of Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health (meet with Ann Priddy/Helen Dillistone, CPPIH)
  - Gather views of QMC and Rushcliffe PCT Patient and Public Involvement Forums (meet with Chairs of both PPIFs)
  - Look at what happens to patients after treatment (meet with Martin Hughes)

## **Objective 4**

4. To consider the impact of the DTC on health inequalities.
  - Gather evidence on proposed patient profile for DTC with particular emphasis on the 60+ age groups (desk research)
  - Meet with Richard Madeley
  - Gather evidence on percentage of population in greater Nottingham not registered with GPs (desk research/local PCTs)
  - Monitor that GPs are making use of the DTC
  - To consider how the services at the DTC will be publicised to ensure equality of access

## **Objective 5**

5. To consider transport and access issues in respect of the DTC.

- Inquire whether present transport arrangements will continue to apply in respect of the DTC and who will take responsibility for organising transport? (Meet with Martin Hughes)
- Gather evidence on proposed patient levels at DTC (written evidence from Rushcliffe PCT)
- Establish future projections of patients using the QMC (written evidence from Rushcliffe PCT and QMC)
- Gather evidence on future parking arrangements at QMC (meet with Martin Hughes)
- Gather evidence on bus company plans for QMC (meet with Trent Barton rep, NCT rep, City/County Council public transport rep)
- Gather evidence on tram proposals (meet with NET rep)