

**ITEM No**

**JOINT CITY AND COUNTY  
HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**12 FEBRUARY 2008**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY – NOTTINGHAM  
CITY COUNCIL**

**MODERNISING DAY HOSPITAL SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE WITH  
MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS**

**1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This meeting will be attended by Simon Smith, Executive Director, Local Services, and Jim Walker, Divisional Manager, Performance and Planning, from Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust. The Joint Committee requested that the Trust return to update Members on their proposals for modernising day hospital services for older people with mental health problems, following their initial consideration of the proposals in October 2007.
- 1.2 This report outlines some of the issues identified by the Committee at the October meeting which Members may wish to explore further in light of the information provided by the Trust.

**2 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

The Committee is requested to consider the information provided within this report, together with that provided by Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust, and make recommendations as necessary.

**3 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The proposals to modernise day hospital services for older people with mental health problems were first brought to the Committee's attention at the meeting of 11 September 2007. The Committee requested more information and a more detailed paper was brought to the Committee's meeting on 9 October 2007. This paper has been re-circulated to Committee Members as a background paper. Copies are available on request from 0115 915 9827.
- 3.2 At the October meeting, the following matters were raised by Members of the Committee:

- i) The needs of carers, particularly in relation to respite care;
- ii) The need for close partnership working to minimise any potential negative impacts on services provided by other agencies;
- iii) The need for a well managed period of transition between service models;
- iv) The importance of a good consultation process prior to any changes being made.

3.3 The Committee thanked the Trust for the early notification of the proposals and agreed that the proposed changes were likely to constitute a substantial variation. Members requested that a report be brought back in February containing the following information

- i) Timescales for the development and implementation of the action plan;
- ii) Evidence of increased partnership working, including commissioners and local authorities;
- iii) An impact assessment;
- iv) Records of continued consultation and dialogue with public, patients and carers including evidence that any issues or concerns raised had been considered.

#### **4 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

None

#### **5 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING EXEMPT OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Report of the Head of Overview and Scrutiny – Nottingham City Council: Proposals to modernise day hospital services for older people with mental health problems – Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, 9 October 2007

#### **6 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

None

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