

Membership

Councillors

	Martin Wright (Vice-Chair)
	Richard Butler
	John Doddy
A	Kevin Greaves
	John Longdon
A	David Martin
	Diana Meale
	Liz Plant
	Kevin Rostance
	Stuart Wallace
	Yvonne Woodhead

Officers

Martin Gately	Nottinghamshire County Council
Noel McMenamin	Nottinghamshire County Council

Also in attendance

Hazel Buchanan	Greater Nottingham CCG
Lucy Dadge	Greater Nottingham CCG
Miriam Duffy	National Rehabilitation Centre

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Martin(non-Council) and Councillor Kevin Greaves (unable to travel due to flooding).

The following temporary changes of membership for this meeting only were reported:

- Councillor John Longdon had replaced Councillor Steve Vickers;
- Councillor John Doddy had replaced Councillor Keith Girling;
- Councillor Diana Meale had replaced Councillor Muriel Weisz.

In the Chair's absence, the Chair was taken by Councillor Martin Wright, the Vice-Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

3. NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTRE – PRE-CONSULTATION BUSINESS CASE

Hazel Buchanan and Lucy Dadge from Greater Nottingham CCG and Miriam Duffy from the National Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) introduced the item, thanking the Committee for convening in advance of its next scheduled meeting in December 2019, and giving a presentation on the Pre-Consultation Business Case for the Centre.

The presentation restated the background to the NRC, covered previously at the Committee's September 2019 meeting (minute 4 dated 10 September 2019 refers) and highlighted the following points:

- The Pre-consultation Business Case focussed on the clinical element of the NRC, for which funding was available, with the research and education elements to be considered at a later stage;
- A new clinical model, encompassing neurological, musculo-skeletal, orthopaedic and major trauma pathways was envisaged, while the transfer of staff and services from Linden Lodge to the new facility was a key component of the Business Case;
- a series of focus groups had considered the proposals, and over 150 survey responses from staff and patients had been received to date. Engagement outcomes had been very positive, where levels of care and access to high quality services outweighed the consideration of receiving care close to home;
- the 63-bed facility would have overnight accommodation for families, and work was underway to alleviate concerns about public transport and IT connectivity as well as parking provision;
- revised referral criteria were detailed in the appendix to the report;
- the clinical model included Clinical Case Managers, who had responsibility for proactively managing patients from referral to discharge, a range Community Services and an enhanced mental health wellbeing focus for patients;
- a range of Equality Impact Assessment recommendations s were highlighted, including using the patient cohort at NRC to identify and address equality issues, and taking steps to address the spiritual and religious needs of patients;
- Formal consultation was expected to be launched in January 2020, with the timescale of the consultation to be determined.

The following points were raised during discussion:

- The provision of 3 family rooms for a 63-bed facility was considered potentially inadequate, while the view was expressed that distance from the

facility should not be the overriding eligibility criterion for the accommodation, as those living further away could potentially have better transport options than those closer to the facility;

- The view was expressed that transport connectivity between the site and the Nottingham conurbation were more developed and straightforward than for residents elsewhere in the region. Community transport options were being considered to address transport connectivity for both staff and patients;
- It was confirmed that 3 beds would be retained at the City Hospital site for slower, less intensive levels of stroke rehabilitation intervention, and that very careful consideration will be given to continuity of outreach services currently provided by Linden Lodge;
- It was confirmed that there would be some flexibility for service provision for those between 16 and 18 years of age, and that there was a need to communicate positively the range of services available to those who do not meet the NRC referral criteria;
- It was explained that there would be no beds ringfenced specifically for use by Nottinghamshire residents;
- The hope was expressed that the facility would lead to a greater percentage of patients returning to employment post-treatment;
- The consultation would be a single-issue consultation – it was not the case that a range of alternative options were being considered. Several members expressed the view that a 4-week consultation exercise for such a significant change in provision would not be appropriate, and a period of at least 6 weeks was recommended by the Chair.

The Chair thanked Ms Buchanan, Ms Dadge and Ms Duffy for their attendance, and requested confirmation in writing of consultation details when these became available.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm.

CHAIRMAN