

Purpose

1. The County Council has a statutory duty to receive consultations from NHS Trusts for proposals for substantial variations or developments of local health services.
2. This Review Group enables elected Members to receive and scrutinise such a proposal from NHS Nottinghamshire County for health services in Newark.
3. This report provides Members with the opportunity to consider the specific proposals for additional health services in Newark.

Information

4. The primary care trust - NHS Nottinghamshire County – is consulting on proposals for future health services for Newark.
5. The Newark Strategy: Shaping Healthcare... Now and in the Future is a 90 day statutory consultation which will conclude on 6 March 2010.
6. The Review Group is a formal overview and scrutiny committee set up to consider the proposals from NHS Nottinghamshire County. It provides Members the opportunity to respond to the consultation and should consider:

- ii. “whether in developing the proposals for service change, the Trust has taken into account the public interest through appropriate patient and public involvement and consultation
- iii. whether the proposals for change are in the interests of the local health service.”

Progress

7. The Review Group received a presentation providing an introduction to proposals for future health services for Newark - entitled The Newark Strategy: Shaping Healthcare...Now and in the Future – at the meeting on 30 November 2009.
8. Members agreed that the review group should receive more detailed information on the proposals and that this information should be divided into three sections:
 - Urgent Care (Accident and Emergency/Minor Injuries Unit)
 - Mental Health Services
 - Additional & GP Services
9. On 26 January 2010 the Review considered the proposals for Urgent Care. Representatives of NHS Nottinghamshire County, including a GP from Newark, the East Midlands Ambulance Service and Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust attended the meeting.
10. The Review Group met with representatives of NHS Nottinghamshire County and Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust on 23 February 2010 to consider mental health services in Newark. The notes of the discussion are included elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.

Additional Health Services

11. This report provides the Review Group with an opportunity to consider the proposals for additional health services in more detail. Attached to the report as an appendix are the responses from NHS Nottinghamshire County to requests for further information about those services.
12. Representatives from NHS Nottinghamshire County have been invited to attend the meeting to present the information and to answer questions from the Review Group.
13. Members should consider the information and the proposals for additional health services as part of their role to determine whether the proposals are in the best interests of the local health service – and patients.

Consultation

14. As part of its role to determine whether the Trust has taken into account the public interest through patient and public involvement the Review Group will also receive an update on the completion of on the consultation work that has been carried out.

Recommendation

15. It is recommended that Members identify further information that will be required and/or comments for inclusion in its response to the consultation.

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Background papers:

NHS Nottinghamshire County, Trust Board Papers – 26 November 2009

CfPS Substantial Variations and Developments of health services, a guide 2005