

### 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 has enabled 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 agree the findings from this scrutiny review.

### Information

4. The primary care trust - NHS Nottinghamshire County – has been consulting on proposals for future health services for Newark.
5. 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:
  - i. whether as an overview and scrutiny committee it has been properly consulted,

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.”

6. The Review Group has received evidence from commissioning and provider trusts on the proposals over 4 meetings and should base its response on these discussions. Members will be presented with a draft response for consideration.
7. The response of the Review Group and any recommendations will be forwarded to NHS Nottinghamshire County for consideration when taking a decision on future services for Newark. The Trust will be invited to respond to the findings of this review which will be reported to an appropriate meeting of the County Council's Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee.
8. Any recommendations to other organisations will be referred to their appropriate executives and a response sought.
9. This review will then be deemed concluded.

## **Recommendations**

10. It is recommended that the review group agree
  - i. a response to the consultation process and any recommendations to be sent to the relevant executives for consideration
  - ii. that a response be sought to any recommendations within two months
  - iii. that the notes of this meeting be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee.

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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