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| <b>HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL</b>                       |
| <b>29 MAY 2013</b>                                 |
| <b>'COMMUNITY CASE FINDERS' HOSPITAL DISCHARGE</b> |
| <b>REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</b>       |

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider the implementation of the 'community case finders' model for facilitating timely discharge of patients from hospital to home.

**2. Action required**

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to use the information provided at the meeting to inform questioning and discussion to ensure the 'community case finders' model for hospital discharge is achieving the best outcomes for patients and their carers.

**3. Background information**

- 3.1 The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee has been considering the reconfiguration of services offered at Lings Bar Hospital in Gamston. An aspect of the changes was a City-based pilot to redirect resources through avoiding unnecessary admissions to Lings Bar Hospital.
- 3.2 In December 2012, the Committee heard that the Enhanced Community Support Pilot has ended. An independent evaluation of the pilot by Nottingham University found that while 100% of patients surveyed indicated their preference to return home directly from hospital, referrals had been low. The evaluation identified the importance of integration to the success of services working across organisations.
- 3.3 In March 2013 councillors heard that, in response to the evaluation findings, an alternative model 'community case finders' was launched in February 2013. The approach was part of community support provision and work was taking place to integrate it within the Integrated Discharge Team at Nottingham University Hospitals.
- 3.4 Councillors felt that there was need for a specific focus on how the model was developing and the outcomes for patients and therefore it was referred to this Panel for further more in-depth consideration.
- 3.5 The Locality Manager for the Service will be attending the meeting to outline how the model is developing, the number of referrals to the service and patient feedback.

4. **List of attached information**

None

5. **Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

None

6. **Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

Reports to and minutes of Joint Health Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 11 December 2012 and 12 March 2013.

7. **Wards affected**

All

8. **Contact information**

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