

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL
24 SEPTEMBER 2014
PROCUREMENT OF COMMUNITY END OF LIFE SERVICES
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. Purpose

To consider proposals from Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group regarding the procurement of community end of life services. The Panel has a statutory role in relation to scrutiny of substantial variations and developments in services.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to use the information provided to inform its consideration of proposals from Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group for future procurement of community end of life services, taking into account the Panel's statutory role in substantial variations and developments in services.

3. Background information

- 3.1 Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group has advised that the following contracts for hospice at home/ day centre and bereavement services are due to end on 31 March 2015:
- Nottinghamshire Hospice
 - Tree Tops Hospice
 - Marie Curie
 - CRUSE
- 3.2 Nottingham City CCG has stated that it intends to use this opportunity to improve end of life services through the procurement of an enhanced future service.
- 3.2 Details of the proposals and plans for engagement are outlined in the attached paper from Nottingham City CCG and a representative of the CCG will be attending the meeting to discuss these proposals and answer questions from the Panel about them.
- 3.4 This Panel has statutory responsibilities in relation to substantial variations and developments in health services. While a 'substantial variation or development' of health services is not defined in Regulations, a key feature is that there is a major change to services experienced by patients and future patients. Proposals may range from changes that affect a small group of people within a small geographical area to major

reconfigurations of specialist services involving significant numbers of patients across a wide area. The Panel's responsibilities are to consider the following matters in relation to any substantial variations or developments that impact upon those in receipt of services:

- a) Whether, as a statutory body, the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been properly consulted within the consultation process;
- b) Whether, in developing the proposals for service changes, the health body concerned has taken into account the public interest through appropriate patient and public involvement and consultation;
- c) Whether a proposal for change is in the interests of the local health service.

- 3.5 Councillors should bear the matters outlined in paragraph 3.4 in mind when considering the proposals and discussing them with Nottingham City CCG.

4. List of attached information

- 4.1 The following information can be found in the appendix to this report:

Appendix 1 – 'Community End of Life Services' paper from Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group

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

None

6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

None

7. Wards affected

All

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