

10 November 2015

Agenda Item: 4

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS ENVIRONMENT, WASTE AND CLEANLINESS**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To introduce an update on environmental and waste issues at Nottingham University Hospitals (NUH).

#### **Information and Advice**

2. The issues of environment and waste were first brought to Members' attention during the consideration of NUH Quality Accounts. The Joint Health Committee last received a briefing on these issues in January 2015. At the request of NUH, cleanliness was added to this briefing.
3. NUH has provided the following information in relation to waste:
  - *Carillion's handling of waste/waste reduction*
    - Carillion are soon to introduce a food waste system that turns food waste into bio-fuel thereby reducing domestic waste volumes
  - *The handling of clinical waste/sharps*
    - NUH and Carillion are exploring a new sharps system with regards to the disposal of sharps and instruments. Currently, the containers are single use only whereas the new system would see the introduction of re-usable containers. The sharps would not be incinerated but disinfected at high temperatures thereby reducing the tonnage of clinical waste.
    - Carillion have expanded the work we do to separate waste streams (clinical from offensive) to improve compliance and reduce costs
    - Daily checks to monitor that bins are secure
  - *Reassurance that waste is removed from the building in such a way that it does not contaminate clinical areas during its transport along corridors*
    - Waste is transported through corridors in sealed and secure containers
4. A presentation from NUH entitled "Creating a better environment for patients, visitors and carers" is attached as an appendix to this report. Dr Stephen Fowlie, NUH Medical Director,

will attend the Joint Health Committee to present the information and answer questions, as necessary.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Receive the briefing and ask questions.
- 2) Schedule further consideration, if required

**Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis**  
**Chairman of Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee**

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### **Background Papers**

Nil

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All