

10 November 2015

Agenda Item: 5

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

RAMPTON HOSPITAL VARIATIONS OF SERVICE

Purpose of the Report

1. To introduce an update on the variation to service within Rampton Secure Hospital relating to the treatment of offenders with personality disorders.

Information and Advice

2. Members will recall that on 21 April 2015 representatives from NHS England and Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust attended the Joint Health Committee to describe a variation of service in relation to the treatment and care of people with personality disorders at Rampton Secure Hospital.
3. This change of service meant that there would be a reduction in the number of offenders being admitted to the hospital since the default position would be that they would be managed within prison.
4. The committee were reassured that both patients and staff had been consulted on a regular basis with patients reassured that they would not be moved from the hospital until it was clinically appropriate. There would also be no significant changes in staffing.
5. The committee raised some concerns that commissioners and the Trust had been aware of this change since June 2014, but had only now brought it before the committee.
6. The committee requested an update on this variation in six months.
7. Ms Ruth Sargent, Head of Specialised Mental Health and Learning Disabilities POC and High Secure Lead, NHS England and Healthcare Trust colleagues other will attend to brief the Committee and answer questions as necessary. A written update from Ms Sargent is attached as an appendix to this report.

8. RECOMMENDATION

That the Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Receive the briefing and ask questions as necessary in relation to this substantial change

2) Schedule further consideration, if necessary.

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Chairman of Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All