

JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
9 FEBRUARY 2016
TRANSFORMING CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES AND/OR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider proposals for the future of services for people with learning disabilities and/or autism spectrum disorders in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire; and consultation and engagement plans in relation to those proposals.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to carry out its statutory role (as set out in paragraph 3.7) in relation to consultation by commissioners on a proposed new service model for people with learning disabilities and/or autism spectrum disorders.

3 Background information

- 3.1 Commissioners have informed the Committee that Nottinghamshire has been chosen as one of 5 national 'fast track' areas to be a forerunner of work to transform care for people with a learning disability and/ or autism and challenging behaviours or a mental health condition.
- 3.2 As a 'fast track' area, Nottinghamshire was required to submit a transformation plan by September 2015 setting out how it would strengthen community services, reduce reliance on in-patient beds (non-secure, low and medium-secure) and close some in-patient facilities. The plan covers services for both children and adults.
- 3.3 The proposals represent a major change in the way that services for people with learning disabilities and/ or autism spectrum disorders are provided. It fits with a new national framework produced by NHS England, the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services designed to improve the care of people with learning disabilities by shifting services away from hospital care towards community settings.
- 3.4 The published transformation plan is attached to this report.
- 3.5 Nottinghamshire has received £1.2million funding from NHS England which has to be match-funded by clinical commissioning groups locally.

- 3.6 Sally Seeley is the Senior Responsible Officer for the project and will be attending the meeting to outline the proposed new service model and the plans in relation to consultation and implementation. The attached report from commissioners states that, due to national timescales, it was not possible to carry out consultation prior to the plan's submission but that it is intended to undertake considerable engagement and a formal public consultation on the new service model.
- 3.7 This Committee 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 Committee'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.

Councillors should bear these matters in mind when considering the proposals and discussing them with commissioners.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 'Transforming Care – Nottinghamshire Fast Track Site' report to NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body 28 October 2015

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

- 5.1 None

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 6.1 'Supporting people with a learning disability and/or autism who display behaviour that challenges, including those with a mental health

condition: service model for commissioners of health and social care services' October 2015 NHS England, LGA, ADASS

7 Wards affected

7.1 All

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