

Representations to the Health Scrutiny Committee in relation to Item 8: Nottingham Treatment Centre Procurement

- 1. British Association of Dermatologists**
- 2. Nottingham dermatology patient**

Representation from British Association of Dermatologists

Email from Clinical Vice President, British Association of Dermatologists

As you may be aware, the British Association of Dermatologists (BAD) is a charity whose charitable objects are the practice, teaching, training and research of Dermatology. It works with the Department of Health, patient bodies, Hospital Trusts and commissioners across the UK, advising on service model redesign for the provision of Dermatology services across all service settings. It is funded by the activities of its Members and its British Journal of Dermatology.

It is in this capacity that we are writing again to each of the Chairs of the relevant Health Scrutiny committees to seek clarification on whether appropriate scrutiny has been given to the pending retender of the Nottingham Dermatology Service by your local CCG.

The existing service model was outdated at the time of its re-procurement in 2015 and the resulting Independent Review highlighted the serious risk (attached) to adult acute patients due to the fragmentation of the dermatology service. This sub-standard of care and risk to patients must be addressed with the retendering of a whole dermatology service which includes inpatient services.

Given the significant contractual period of the new contract for the dermatology service we are seeking clarification from the Councillors that the required scrutiny of the service specification and model has been undertaken. We must request that our concerns are raised as part of the agenda discussions at the next meeting on the 23rd November 2017. It is important that both clinical and patient concerns with the service model are heard and addressed.

NB: A copy of the report of Independent Review of Nottingham Dermatology Services June 2015 can be accessed from the Rushcliffe Clinical Commissioning Group website (commissioners of the review)

<http://www.rushcliffeccg.nhs.uk/media/3116/final-report-from-the-independent-review-nottingham-dermatology-service-4-june-2015.pdf>

Representation from Nottingham dermatology patient

Email from a Nottingham dermatology patient

I am a Nottingham dermatology patient and my whole family has chronic skin problems.

Would it be possible for you to draw to the attention of the meeting my particular concerns?

- Paediatric and adult dermatology need to work together. Apart from this being good practice, there are important reasons - the jointly agreeing of a pathway for children with chronic conditions transitioning to adult services; availability of specialist skin cancer service access for children with rare skin cancers.
- Adult dermatology needs to offer a service to inpatients as well as outpatients.
- Adult dermatology needs to offer combined clinics with other potentially linked services such as gynaecology or rheumatology.