

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
18 OCTOBER 2018
PLANNING FOR WINTER PRESSURES
REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To review plans and preparations for managing winter pressures.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to review Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust's plans for managing winter pressures during winter 2018/19.

3 Background information

- 3.1 During winter 2017/18, health and social care services both nationally and locally experienced significant pressures. During this period the Committee received information from commissioners and providers about the issues that they were facing and how these issues were being responded to.
- 3.2 In March the Committee spoke to representatives of Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust, who had both issued alerts regarding their services in the post-Christmas period, about the reasons and context for those pressures; how pressures were dealt with, including the effectiveness of the implementation of winter pressures planning and business continuity planning; and lessons to be learnt for the future to minimise the impact on patients and patient outcomes. The Committee heard about the initial areas of learning from this period and areas of focus for the future including admission and discharge pathways, supporting the needs of an ageing population and community bed provision.
- 3.3 The Committee decided to review system plans for winter 2018/19.
- 3.4 Representatives of Nottingham University Hospitals and the A&E Delivery Board will be attending the meeting to give a presentation (attached) and answer questions.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 Presentation from Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust 'System plans for winter and our shared commitment to improving urgent and emergency patient care'

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 Minutes of the Health Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 22 March 2018

7 Wards affected

7.1 All

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