

**Health Scrutiny Committee  
16 July 2020**

**National Rehabilitation Centre – Updated Consultation Plan**

**Report of the Head of Legal and Governance**

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To receive information on the updated consultation plan in relation to the National Rehabilitation Centre (NRC).

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 To consider the updated consultation plan and provide feedback, where necessary.
- 2.2 To note the proposal to carry out a public consultation on the proposals, for a period of 8 weeks, from 27 July 2020.

**3 Background information**

- 3.1 At its meeting on 16 January 2020 Lewis Etoria, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System, and Hazel Buchanan, Clinical Commissioning Group, provided an update on consultation activities focusing on a new rehabilitation centre, since attending September 2019 meeting of the Committee, and provided the following information:
- a) a high demand for rehabilitation services had been identified in the East Midlands, and as there was no national strategy and the land had been made available with a guaranteed ring fenced funding of £70 million for construction, this provided a good opportunity;
  - b) existing rehabilitation services were based at Nottingham City Hospital's Linden Lodge, but the current building required a substantial amount of investment and maintenance and could not be adapted to facilitate modern medical approaches;
  - c) nationally, the NHS approach towards rehabilitation was focused only on neurological, but this proposal would enable a broader treatment model to be provided, including complex fractures, mental health and every element of rehabilitation, including acting as a hub for community focused services;
  - d) patients would be able have access to the defence site's facilities including a hydrotherapy pool, a simulator, an MRI scanner and x-ray facilities;

- e) although there was likely to be a transfer of existing staff and services, additional posts such as Rehabilitation Instructor and Case Manager would be established as part of the broader model;
- f) travel to the site for visitors (not patients) had previously been raised as a concern, but there would be free parking on site, a bus to and from Nottingham City Centre, and discussions were underway with the voluntary community transport teams, whilst other options would continue to be explored;
- g) consultation would start on 9 March 2020 for a period of 6 weeks and comment invited on issues, including patient isolation due to the location, travel and access for family and visitors visiting patients at the site.
- h) concerns around travel to the sites were acknowledged so some outpatient appointments would be held at City Hospital once patients had been discharged back into the community;
- i) every patient would have a Case Manager who would help and support patients back into society, including forward planning for benefits applications, housing issues and adaptations and, where necessary, connecting with social workers and linking with wrap-around services, ensuring that everything required was in place in time for discharge;
- j) if the proposals were accepted, the new facility could be open and functioning by April 2024;
- k) once consultation was concluded, the findings would be scrutinised, it was anticipated that a recommendation would be presented to the governing body in May 2020.

3.2 Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the consultation was postponed 3 and a briefing was provided to Committee members in April 2020 seeking views on running the public consultation without face-to-face contact.

3.3 Committee members provided comments and feedback on the proposal to undertake the consultation through non-contact methods, which has been considered and the consultation plan has been revised to respond to the issues raised.

3.4 The comments from the Committee and the responses to them are included in the attached briefing note, and a representative from the CCG will be in attendance at the meeting to discuss the proposals.

#### **4 List of attached information**

4.1 Briefing note from the CCG and updated consultation plan.

**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 Health Scrutiny reports and minutes – September 2019 and January 2020.

**7 Wards affected**

7.1 All.

**8 Contact information**

8.1 Laura Wilson  
Senior Governance Officer  
0115 8764301  
[laura.wilson@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:laura.wilson@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)