

**Health Scrutiny Committee**  
**17 September 2020**

**Changes to NHS services in response to Covid-19**

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

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To review progress in restoring services that changed in response to Covid-19.

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- a) where it is intended that services which changed in response to Covid-19 will return to pre-Covid models, scrutinise the progress in restoring those services; and
  - b) where it is intended to retain changes introduced in response to Covid-19, consider its engagement with the proposals to make these changes permanent.

**3 Background information**

- 3.1 At its meeting in July 2020, the Committee heard about changes that were made to services to manage the increased demand on some services and to ensure infection control procedures were in place as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Some of these changes were mandated nationally and some were local decisions in response to local circumstances.
- 3.2 The Committee asked for an update on the current status of these services for this meeting to review the progress in restoring services to pre-Covid models or, where commissioners have identified a desire to retain the changes, to consider proposals for this. This is important because, due to the pace of response to the Covid-19 situation and the need to ensure patient safety, manage workforce issues and operational pressures at that time it was not always possible for the Committee to be notified in advance of changes made to services.
- 3.3 Attached is a briefing from Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) setting out which services have resumed as normal, which services are operating differently and which services are still not operational.

3.4 The CCG briefing also sets out initial proposals to retain service changes made in response to Covid-19 to urgent care pathways and stroke services. Going forward, the Committee will need to decide whether it considers the proposals for change to be substantial variations or developments of service and how it wishes to engage with the proposals as they develop.

**4 List of attached information**

4.1 Briefing from Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group

**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 Report to, and minutes of the meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee held on 16 July 2020

**7 Wards affected**

7.1 All

**8 Contact information**

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