

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee
11 November 2021

Proposed changes to Neonatal Services

Report of the Head of Legal and Governance

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider proposals for changes to neonatal services provided by Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider proposed changes to neonatal services provided by Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and decide whether:
- a) it agrees with the assessment of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) that the proposals do not constitute a substantial variation or development of service and decide if:
 - i. it is satisfied with the proposals as outlined in the attached paper; or
 - ii. further information and/or scrutiny is required and, if so, the focus and timescales for this; or
 - iii. it wishes to make comment or recommendation to the CCG about the proposals
 - or
 - b) it considers that the proposals do constitute a substantial variation or development of service and determine how it wishes to proceed.

3 Background information

- 3.1 Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has advised the Committee of proposals for change to neonatal services provided by Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. The CCG considers that the proposals will have significant benefits for affected families but that numerically the development represents an adjustment to a clinical pathway rather than a major service redesign.
- 3.2 The CCG has submitted a written paper to the Committee outlining details of the proposed changes, the context and case for change and proposals for engagement. This paper is attached. In agreement with the Chair, this is a written paper only for the Committee's consideration and no one from the CCG will be attending the meeting. Any questions or issues arising from the paper will be directed to the CCG following the meeting for response.

- 3.3 In considering the proposals, the Committee will want to consider whether it agrees with the CCG's assessment that the proposals do not constitute a substantial variation or development of service. If this is the case, the Committee can still consider proposals and make comment or recommendation as appropriate. If the Committee does take the view that the proposals are a substantial development or variation, then this will need to be discussed further with commissioners.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 'Case for change for expansion of neonatal capacity at Nottingham University Hospitals' paper 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 None

7 Wards affected

- 7.1 All

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