

**Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee**  
**11 November 2021**

**Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust – CQC Inspection**

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

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To scrutinise action being taken in relation to the findings of the recent CQC Well-led inspection of Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust.

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the action being taken in response to the findings of the recent Care Quality Commission inspection of Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust; and whether:
- a) it wishes to make any comment or recommendations; and/or
  - b) any further scrutiny is required and, if so, the focus and timescales.

**3 Background information**

- 3.1 In September 2021 the Care Quality Commission (CQC) published a report of its Well-led inspection, which took place in July 2021. The report can be viewed on the CQC's website. Following this inspection, the Trust was issued with a Section 29a warning notice under the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and rated as Requires Improvement, with an Inadequate rating in relation to whether services are well-led.
- 3.2 The Committee is aware that in October 2020 the CQC downgraded maternity services provided by NUH and since then the Committee has spoken to representatives of the Trust twice about the provision of maternity services and work taking place to make improvements. The Chair of the Committee has also spoken with Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group about its independently led thematic review of incidents relating to maternity care at NUH. A number of the Committee's concerns about maternity services relate to the Trust's governance and culture. The Committee has scheduled a further review of the Trust's progress in improving maternity services for spring 2022.
- 3.3 The focus for this meeting is on the response to the CQC's report of its Well-led inspection of NUH.
- 3.4 NUH has been invited to attend the meeting to outline its current position, what action it has taken so far and what it intends to do. The Trust has submitted a written update from the Acting Chief Executive, which is attached. The Acting Chief Executive and Chief Nurse will be attending the meeting to answer questions from the Committee.

- 3.5 The Committee also felt it was appropriate to speak to other organisations involved in supporting, and holding the Trust to account for its improvement. Therefore, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has been invited to attend the meeting to discuss its perspective and role in relation to supporting NUH in improvement. A written briefing from the CCG is attached and the CCG's Chief Nurse will be attending the meeting to speak with, and answer questions from the Committee.
- 3.6 NHS England/ NHS Improvement was also contacted in relation to its role as trust regulator to get its perspective and discuss its role in relation to supporting improvement. It was not possible for a representative of the organisation to attend this meeting, but it has agreed to have a separate discussion with representatives of the Committee.

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

- 4.1 Update from Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
- 4.2 Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group Oversight and Assurance Briefing: Nottingham University Hospitals

#### **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 Care Quality Commission (15 September 2021) 'Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust Inspection Report'
- 6.2 Minutes of meetings of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee on 14 January and 15 July 2021

#### **7 Wards affected**

- 7.1 All

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