

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee
22 June 2022

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust Maternity Services

Report of the Head of Legal and Governance

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Committee on information relevant to its scrutiny of maternity services provided by Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. The Trust has not been invited to attend this meeting.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:
- a) note that the Care Quality Commission has published the reports of its inspection of Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust Maternity Services;
 - b) note that the Interim Report of the Independent Thematic Review into Nottingham University Hospitals Maternity Services has been published;
 - c) note that following the conclusion of the Independent Thematic Review into Nottingham University Hospitals Maternity Services, a new review has been commissioned by NHS England; and
 - d) consider its next steps in scrutiny of this matter.

3 Background information

- 3.1 In May, the Committee spoke with representatives of Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust about improvements that it has made to its maternity services since the previous update to the Committee. The Committee made a number of recommendations to the Trust, which it is following up. The Committee heard that the Care Quality Commission (CQC) had carried out a further inspection of the Trust's maternity services in March, and the Trust outlined the action that it had since taken in response to the initial verbal feedback from the CQC and the Section 29A Warning Notice that had been issued following the inspection. At that time, the CQC had not published its report. The reports have now been published and are available at:
Queens Medical Centre: <https://api.cqc.org.uk/public/v1/reports/0ba6e4b9-7dc5-4522-9287-b0cb492b82a0?20220610123146>
City Campus: <https://api.cqc.org.uk/public/v1/reports/ba0917c2-37b9-409a-8ea5-e1606163dcb7?20220610123146>

The reports identify areas for improvement, with actions that the service must take and actions that the service should take.

- 3.2 At that meeting, the Committee also received an update on progress of the Independent Thematic Review into Nottingham University Hospitals Maternity Services. The Review was due to publish its Interim Report but, at the time of the meeting, had not done so. The Committee was concerned about the impact that not having a Chair was having on the leadership and progress of the review and wrote to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and NHS England to express these concerns. The Review's Interim Report has now been published and is available at: <https://independentmaternityreviewnotts.nhs.uk/updates-and-useful-documents/independent-thematic-review-of-maternity-services-at-nuh-interim-report/?layout=default> The Report contains a number of recommendations.
- 3.3 The work of the Review Team has since been brought to a conclusion and NHS England has asked a new Review Team to begin afresh. The new Review is being chaired by Donna Ockenden, and a new Terms of Reference will be developed. NHS England has said that the Terms of Reference will reflect the need to drive urgent improvements to local maternity care and deliver actionable recommendations that can be implemented as quickly as possible.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 None

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

- 5.1 All

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 6.1 Report to and minute of the meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee held on 19 May 2022
- 6.2 Care Quality Commission Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust Nottingham City Hospital Inspection Report 27/05/2022
- 6.3 Care Quality Commission Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust Queens Medical Centre Inspection Report 27/05/2022
- 6.4 Independent Thematic Review of Maternity Services at NHS Nottingham University Hospitals Interim Report: Thematic Review of Incidents relating to Maternity Care at the Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust April 2022

6.5 NUH Maternity Review Update Letter from Sir David Sloman dated 26 May 2022

7 Wards affected

7.1 All

8 Contact information

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