

**Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee  
14 July 2022**

**Neurology Services**

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

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider access to neurology services provided by Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust.

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked whether:
- a) it wishes to make any comments or recommendations; and
  - b) if any further scrutiny is required, and if so the focus and timescales.

**3 Background information**

- 3.1 In November 2021, the Chair wrote to Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust on behalf of the Committee regarding concerns that had been raised with it about access to neurology services provided by the Trust. The concerns related to referrals from GPs being turned down and patients therefore potentially being unable to access the service. A copy of this letter is attached. A copy of the Trust's response is also attached. This set out changes that the service has been making in this regard. The Committee has recently been contacted again about continuing concerns about referrals and therefore decided to invite the Trust to the meeting to discuss access to the service.
- 3.2 The Trust's Medical Director and the Head of Service for Neurology will be attending the meeting to discuss this with the Committee and answer questions. The Trust has also submitted a written paper, which is attached.

**4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 Letter to Nottingham University Hospitals dated 29/11/21
- 4.2 Letter from Nottingham University Hospitals dated 18/01/22
- 4.3 Neurology Services Update paper from Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust

**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

**8 Contact information**

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