

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee
14 April 2022

Proposed changes to acute stroke services

Report of the Head of Legal and Governance

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider a proposal to make changes that were made temporarily to the configuration of acute stroke services provided by Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust permanent.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the proposal to make changes that were made temporarily to acute stroke services provided by Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust permanent (which is a substantial variation of service); and

- a) decide
 - i. whether, as a statutory body, the Committee has been properly consulted within the consultation process;
 - ii. whether, in developing the proposals for change, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group has taken into account the public interest through appropriate patient and public involvement and consultation; and
 - iii. whether the proposal for permanent change is in the interests of local health services

and

- b) agree any comments and/or recommendations that it wishes to make regarding the proposals.

3 Background information

- 3.1 Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (in its previous iteration as Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group) has previously spoken to the Committee about changes that were made temporarily to the configuration of acute stroke services provided by Nottingham University Hospitals as part of the response to the Covid pandemic. The Committee was informed of this in July 2020, and the matter was discussed at the Committee's meeting in September 2020. Based on the information available to it, the Committee did not raise any concerns about the changes at that time but requested that, if commissioners decided to propose that changes are made permanent, the proposals along with plans for consultation and engagement are

presented to the Committee as proposals were likely to constitute a substantial variation of service.

- 3.2 In September 2021 the CCG presented a paper to the Committee setting out details of the permanent changes proposed, and its intention to carry out engagement with service users, clinicians and associated health and care services on the proposals. While the Committee did not have any concerns about the proposals at that time, as the changes would be a substantial variation of service, it requested that the CCG present the outcomes of engagement activity, and any changes made in response to those outcomes, to the Committee to enable it to consider the extent to which proposals reflect the public interest and whether the final proposals are in the interest of local health services.
- 3.3 The ICB has submitted a written paper to the Committee outlining details of the changes, assessed impact of the changes, engagement that was carried out in relation the proposals and the outcomes of that engagement. It concludes that the relocation of services has maximised the opportunity to provide timely assessment and treatment to patients, patient experience has been positive and there is support from patients and public to co-locate emergency care services on one site. 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 ICB will be attending. Outcomes of this meeting, including any questions or issues arising from the report, will be directed to the ICB following the meeting for response.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 Update on temporary move of NUH Acute Stroke Service from the City Hospital Campus to the QMC Campus during Covid-19 pandemic from Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (September 2022)
- 4.2 Reconfiguration of NUH Stroke Services: Citizen Intelligence and Insight Report from Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (September 2022)

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 'Changes to NHS services in response to Covid 19' report to the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee on 17 September 2020 and minutes of that meeting

- 6.2 'Reconfiguration of acute stroke services' report to the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee on 16 September 2021 and minutes of that meeting

7 Wards affected

- 7.1 All

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