

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

14 December 2023

Tomorrow's Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust – Proposed Public Consultation

Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the proposed approach to public consultation for the Tomorrow's Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (NUH) programme, in line with the Committee's role in relation to the substantial development or variation of health services.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- 1) consider the request from the NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) to:
 - a) note the contents of the Tomorrow's NUH Pre-Consultation Business Case, Consultation Plan and Consultation Document;
 - b) note the responses to the recommendations made previously by the Committee regarding engagement with the public; and
 - c) confirm that it has no objections to the ICB proceeding to public consultation at the appropriate time; and
- 2) consider whether it wishes to make any further comments or recommendations in response to the report.

3 Background information

- 3.1 Tomorrow's NUH is a capital and service change scheme funded through the national NHS New Hospital Programme. The proposals set out under the Tomorrow's NUH programme are likely to involve the substantial development or variation of health services in Nottingham so there is a statutory duty for the Committee to be consulted, in addition to a full public consultation being carried out.
- 3.2 The ICB and NUH attended Committee meetings on six occasions between September 2020 and May 2022 to provide information and receive feedback on the development of the Tomorrow's NUH programme, including sharing details of the public and clinical consultation and engagement carried out and how this has informed the development of the proposals. In addition, informal briefing sessions were held for Committee members in relation to specific aspects of the programme.

- 3.3 The ICB has a statutory duty to produce a Pre-Consultation Business Case to describe the proposed major changes to clinical services that will be enabled by the capital investment and to ensure that the public are engaged with and can meaningfully influence the development of the proposals. The Business Case has now been completed and the funding has been confirmed, so it is possible for the scheme to proceed to full public consultation.
- 3.4 The ICB provided an update on the work carried out to arrive at the preferred clinical configuration for Tomorrow's NUH at the Committee meeting on 12 October 2023 and sought in-principle agreement to the proposed approach to the public consultation. The Committee was satisfied to support the principle of proceeding to public consultation on the Tomorrow's NUH project, but requested that the details of the proposed Consultation Plan (including who will be engaged with and how) were shared with the Committee before the consultation took place. The Committee also requested that, once any consultation gets underway, a monitoring update is provided on how engagement with hard-to-reach communities is progressing.
- 3.5 The ICB Board is the body that would authorise the commencement of a public consultation and is scheduled to discuss the Tomorrow's NUH programme at its meeting on 11 January 2024. It is intended for the consultation to be carried out over a 12-week period at a minimum, with the target of achieving 10,000 responses. A range of different methods will be used to engage with citizens and stakeholders to encourage participation and understand their views. The ICB Board is seeking the Committee's input on the proposed consultation approach ahead of taking any decision, so a report from the ICB is attached, in addition to the Tomorrow's NUH Pre-Consultation Business Case, Consultation Plan and Consultation Document.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 Report: Tomorrow's NUH – Proposed Consultation
Appendix 1: Pre-Consultation Business Case
Appendix 2: Consultation Plan
Appendix 3: Consultation Document

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 Reports to and minutes of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee meetings held on:
[17 September 2020](#)
[12 November 2020](#)
[14 January 2021](#)
[15 July 2021](#)
[17 March 2022](#)

[19 May 2022](#)
[12 October 2023](#)

7 Wards affected

7.1 All

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