

## **Procurement of a Greater Nottingham Community Gynaecology Service**

### **A Briefing for the City & County Council Health Overview & Scrutiny Committees**

Both Nottingham West Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Rushcliffe CCG launched Community Gynaecology services as pilots in 2016. Nottingham West's pilot (provided by Primary Integrated Community Services Ltd. (PICS)) was launched March 2016, with Rushcliffe's pilot (provided by Partner's Health) launching in May 2016.

It was found that certain procedures and treatments out of scope of general practice in primary care could be done within a community clinic instead of secondary care. This included:

- Menstrual disorders (excluding post-coital bleeding and post-menopausal bleeding)
- Fibroids
- Cervical polyps
- Polycystic ovarian syndrome
- Pelvic pain
- Ovarian cysts
- Prolapse
- Sterilisation requests
- Vulval disorders
- Urinary incontinence/prolapse/pessary changes currently carried out in secondary care
- Menopause problems /severe premenstrual syndrome.

As expected, with the launch of both community gynaecology services there was a reduction in secondary care activity seen in both secondary care providers (Circle and Nottingham University Hospitals (NUH)) in Nottingham West and Rushcliffe CCG.

Currently both Nottingham North & East CCG and Nottingham City CCG do not have Community Gynaecology Services. Patients in both CCGs requiring care above and beyond the scope of their general practitioner are referred into secondary care. In Greater Nottingham there are two secondary care providers who provide Gynaecology clinics, NUH (City Campus) and Circle (Treatment Centre).

Greater Nottingham CCG has approved the development of a Greater Nottingham Community Gynaecology Service to ensure equity of access across the Greater Nottingham footprint. This will be developed with Mid-Nottinghamshire CCG colleagues to ensure the reduction of unwarranted clinical variation across Nottinghamshire.

Currently patient engagement is being carried out through patient [questionnaires](#) that have been developed jointly with Healthwatch Nottingham & Nottinghamshire. Women's groups across Greater Nottingham are also being targeted for focus groups to ensure input into the development of the service including the model of the service, clinic locations, clinic opening hours etc.

It is anticipated that a Greater Nottingham Community Gynaecology Service will be launched in July 2019.

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