

Brief for Scrutiny:

<p>Topic to be Scrutinised:</p> <p>Fit for the future and the move to the new A&E.</p>
<p>Questions to be Addressed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Why the move and what is hoped to be achieved by it? (2) How is the move to be organised (how have the phases been agreed)? (3) Are the timescales already stated still viable e.g. the move of the A&E department in phase 2 – March 2012? (4) How is the move being funded, is it on budget? (5) Will there be staff redundancies at the new hospital due to the decrease in beds? (6) How will the success of the move be monitored? (7) How will consistency of health provision be maintained during the move? (8) What are the main risks involved? (9) What has been learnt from the move of the cancer and maternity services? (10) Have the new waiting time targets been introduced (April 2011)?
<p>Outcomes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To have a more comprehensive understanding of the plans, intended outcomes, timescales and risks associated with the move. (2) To monitor the move and to know what information is available, what to request and when to request it. (3) To realise how care is being moved closer to home under the fit for the future strategy and how this will remedy the loss of beds at the new premise. (4) To monitor this and ensure smooth transition in services is being provided (5) To monitor the new waiting time targets following their implementation in April 2011. (6) To be assured that a good health service is being provided to residents in Staffordshire.
<p>Background Materials</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Staffordshire County Council Accountability Session on Thursday 3 March 2011 (minutes). (2) Fit For the Future Programme (www.uhns.nhs.uk/newhospital)
<p>Evidence and Witnesses</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Presentation from representative of UHNS at additional meeting of the Newcastle under Lyme Health Scrutiny Committee (26, 29 Sept or 3 October) (2) Updates from SCC Health Scrutiny Committee – Additional accountability meeting 10am 5 September in County Building, Stafford. (3) Visit to the new hospital – investigate when best to do this at additional meeting – when are the County Council visiting and could we go at the same time? (4) Public Accountability Session Newcastle under Lyme – date to be confirmed but end September/Beginning October likely (5) Customer feedback – engage with LINK re users of services at hospital and in communities? (6) Waiting times – are these being kept to?
<p>Method of Scrutiny</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Visit to the new hospital – investigate when best to do this at additional meeting

<p>following presentation – when are the County Council visiting and could we go at the same time</p> <p>(2) Regular updates from UHNS re progress</p> <p>(3) Liaison with SCC Health Scrutiny</p> <p>(4) Liaison with LINK (Health Watch) re users of service – are more services starting to be provided in the Community including outpatient appointments</p> <p>(5) Ongoing monitoring of waiting times implemented in April 2011</p> <p>(6) Ongoing monitoring of move until satisfied of successful transition – continued monitoring on a less regular basis.</p>
<p>Timetable</p> <p>(1) Already started.</p> <p>(2) Presentation from representative of UHNS – end of September at additional meeting.</p> <p>(3) Visit to new site – date to be confirmed.</p> <p>(4) Close monitoring of statistics including waiting times throughout transition until at least April 2012.</p>
<p>Constraints</p> <p>(1) Availability of information/statistics.</p> <p>(2) Ensure that work is undertaken with other groups such as LINK (Health Watch) and the County Council to avoid duplication.</p>
<p>Members to Undertake the Scrutiny</p> <p>Newcastle under Lyme Health Scrutiny Committee OR Sub Committee of this Group?</p>
<p>Support</p> <p>Julia Cleary – Elections and Licensing Manager Peter Whalan – Senior Member Services Officer</p>
<p>Newcastle Borough Council Corporate Plan Priority area (s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough. • Creating a Borough of opportunity. • Creating a healthy and active community. • Transforming our Council to achieve excellence.
<p>CfPS Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a critical friend challenge to executive policy makers and decision makers. • Enables the voice and concerns of the public to be heard. • Is carried out by independent governors who lead and own the scrutiny role. • Drives improvement in public services.
<p>Brief Approved by Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee</p> <p>Signed: Date:</p>