

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

29 July 2021

PRESENT: - T Mitchell (Chairman)

C O'Sullivan (Vice-Chair) and M Armiger

The meeting was held at the Conference Room, Church Square House.

574 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AND DECLARATIONS OF WHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS (IF ANY).

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal or personal and prejudicial interests.

No whip was declared.

575 TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2021 AND 12 MARCH 2021 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN.

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of this panel held on 22 February 2021 and 12 March 2021, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the chairman.

576 PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUEST (IF ANY).

There were no requests received.

577 DISCUSSION WITH SENIOR NHS REPRESENTATIVES

The Chairman welcomed Shaun Stacey, Chief Operating Officer, Northern Lincolnshire & Goole NHS Foundation Trust, and Jane Ellerton, Head of Strategic Commissioning, North Lincolnshire CCG, to the meeting. The Chairman explained that Shaun and Jane had been invited to discuss Out-Of-Hour GP services, and oncology.

Jane explained that the current Out-Of-Hours service had recently been reviewed, and a number of issues had been identified, including problems differentiating between primary care and emergency care, car parking, and decreased footfall. It was therefore proposed to move the service to a new site in a primary care facility. Options were being explored, but it was anticipated that the impact on patients would be minimal, or beneficial.

The Chairman led a discussion on this issue, including asking questions on

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the current situation at A&E, routes into the service, and the likely implementation date. It was confirmed that there was no intention to change the provider or hours of service.

Shaun then gave a verbal update on local oncology services. Due to some staffing shortages in breast and neurology cancers, it was proposed to move first consultation and assessment for these specialties to Castle Hill, with chemotherapy and other Clinical Nurse Specialist-led services retained at Scunthorpe General Hospital.

The Panel asked a number of questions, and explored various key elements of the proposal, including the provision of transport, Multi-Disciplinary Team make-up, options for those presenting via A&E, and ongoing work with the Deanery to recruit, attract and retain specialist clinicians. Shaun and Jane provided appropriate responses.

Resolved – (a) That the proposed changes to service access be acknowledged; and (b) that it be noted, with regret, that services were being moved from North Lincolnshire to other clinical sites.

578 ADDED ITEM (IF ANY).

There was no added item for consideration at the meeting.