

HEALTH AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (ROTHBURY REVIEW GROUP)

PROPOSED AREAS FOR QUESTIONING

The role of the Review Group is to provide challenge to the CCG/ Trust and others and work with Healthwatch in order to provide a balanced response to the Secretary of State. To consider, test and give their view on proposals and information provided. Meetings will be held in public but not as public meetings. Following the meeting on 4 December, meetings will be recorded to allow wider engagement through social media and other communication channels.

Basis for Referral: Northumberland Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny:

1. It is not satisfied with the adequacy of content of the consultation with the Committee and the time allowed;
2. It considers that the proposal would not be in the interests of health service provision in the area.

Review area	Detailed Questions
The future use of the site, content of wellbeing centre and review of inpatient beds	<p>What work has been undertaken on the future use of the site and the potential services as part of on-going health and wellbeing provision?</p> <p>Can you provide a proposal for the work to develop the new centre including how this will involve members of the local community particularly those likely to be most affected. Such a proposal should identify a lead person and say what methods will be used to engage with people</p> <p>What background and detailed information has been considered in relation to the above to determine what would optimise provision of health and wellbeing services for the community?</p> <p>Could the review committee have an update on the review of inpatient beds over the period of temporary closure and any conclusions if available?</p>

	<p>When can the OSC expect to see/be consulted on any plans for the overall health offer to the population going forward?</p>
<p>The impact of the temporary closure on patients, families and carers</p>	<p>What information has been gathered in relation to the impact of closure on patients, families and carers from the perspective of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Travel, ● Cost, ● Inconvenience? <p>What conclusions have been drawn from the above review?</p> <p>How has this information affected any planning for further use of the facility or consideration of the position in relation to inpatient beds?</p> <p>Can the OSC see data and evidence on bed day usage at other locations (excluding NSECH) by residents of Rothbury and the surrounding area since the closure of the beds (for example to the Whalton Unit, Wansbeck and Alnwick Hospitals)?</p> <p>Has a comprehensive Health Needs Assessment been undertaken for Rothbury and the surrounding area?</p>
<p>The challenge against the 5th test within the NHS England “Planning, assuring and delivering service change for patients” Guidance.</p>	<p>Have any efforts been made to link up with NHS England to clarify its intentions with regard to the application of this test and the ambiguity in the case of the Rothbury, i.e. closure being 100% of the beds in the area, but only 12 in totality?</p>

<p>The query as to whether there is any evidence of an equality impact assessment having been undertaken prior to the public consultation.</p>	<p>What is the CCG/Trust response to the assertion in the Independent Reconfiguration Panel report that it is not clear whether or not an equality impact assessment has been undertaken?</p> <p>Have the CCG/Trust carried out a full Equality Impact Assessment at any point since the decision to temporarily close the facility?</p> <p>If not, is there an intention to do so?</p>
<p>The issue in relation to OSC not being consulted on the temporary closure of beds in advance of the decision.</p>	<p>The OSC acknowledges some responsibility for this due to cancellation of a meeting. However, has there been any consideration of future arrangements and sufficiency of planning and involvement of the Committee at earlier stages in such key decisions around health provision in Northumberland?</p>
<p>The financial justification of closure of inpatients beds</p>	<p>Can the OSC have detail around how much has been saved against the original target levels put forward in relation to the temporary closure?</p> <p>Is the Trust confident that any savings achieved are sustainable going forward?</p> <p>Has any comparative analysis been done of the savings against the closure of the inpatient beds versus likely additional costs of the additional health and wellbeing provision going forward? This analysis should include costs to all public bodies, not just the Trust.</p>

