

Agenda Item

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee

22nd November 2022

NORTH TEES AND HARTLEPOOL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST: MATERNITY SERVICES – RESPONSE TO RECENT CQC INSPECTION AND OCKENDEN REVIEW

Summary

Representatives of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust (NTHFT) have been invited to address the Committee following recent issues raised by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in relation to the Trust's maternity services. As well as responding to the published CQC report, NTHFT has also been asked to inform Members how it has reacted to the Ockenden review, the final report of which was published earlier in 2022.

Detail

1. In March 2022, the high-profile Ockenden Report was published (see link below) following an independent review of maternity services at the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, a report which included a number of recommendations for all NHS Trusts. It was always the Committee's intention to formally request details of how NTHFT had responded to these findings later in 2022.
 - https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1064302/Final-Ockenden-Report-web-accessible.pdf
2. The Committee also regularly monitors published CQC reports and consider these on a quarterly basis at its formal public meetings. In September 2022, Members were made aware of the latest CQC findings in relation to NTHFT's maternity services (see link below) which resulted in the Trust being downgraded from 'good' to 'requires improvement' overall.
 - <https://api.cqc.org.uk/public/v1/reports/f877d342-ae10-48cc-9783-f99144e029fc?20220916070419>
3. In light of this recent CQC inspection, the Committee was keen to give the Trust the opportunity to clarify to Members the current and future plans for improving the existing situation within its maternity services, incorporating an overview of the Trust's response to the Ockenden review. The NTHFT Chief Nurse / Director of Patient Safety and Quality is scheduled to be in attendance and a presentation has been provided for consideration (see attached).

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