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PROPOSALS TO RESHAPE HOSPITAL SERVICES IN LEICESTERSHIRE

Report of the Director of Social Services

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To seek Members' views on the proposals to change hospital-based services in Leicestershire, affecting Leicester's three hospitals, Leicester General, Glenfield, and Leicester Royal Infirmary. Details are set out in the Consultation Document (previously circulated) which was issued by Leicestershire Health Authority, Our Hospitals, Our Future.

2. Summary

- 2.1 In April 2000, Leicester's three hospitals became a single NHS Trust, the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust. The Trust is now one of the largest acute trusts in England. The proposals in the consultation document follow the publication of the Health Authority's 10 Year Plan for the NHS in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland which aims to improve patient care through:
- better emergency services
 - easier access to specialist doctors by improving links between clinical services at the hospitals;
 - improved planned inpatient, day-case and outpatient services;
 - improved buildings, equipment and facilities at all hospitals;
 - making better use of staffing.
- 2.2 A Project Board has developed the proposals, with contributions from Specialist Advisory Groups and a Citizens' Panel.
- 2.3 The recommended option will mean:

- A major new building and redevelopment programme for Leicester General Hospital, creating better facilities and ensuring a higher standard of care. The site will offer advanced facilities for planned healthcare and retain a satellite kidney dialysis facility.
- Creating new buildings at Glenfield Hospital to house urology, kidney services, medicine and surgery.
- Redeveloping part of Leicester Royal Infirmary to house additional medical and surgical facilities.

2.4 These proposals complement plans for the long term development of Community Hospitals in Leicestershire and Rutland, currently managed by the Leicestershire and Rutland Community Healthcare Trust, and expected to transfer to PCTs by April 2002. Developing rehabilitation services in the City will reduce dramatically the number of City patients who have to move to community hospitals outside the City for this care.

2.5 In considering these proposals, Members will wish to see that a proper balance is retained by the NHS between acute care, rehabilitation, and services that prevent unnecessary admissions to hospital or nursing/residential care and support patients at home.

2.6 The general thrust of these proposals is welcomed. The City Council will need to consider detailed planning applications as the ideas take shape.

3. Recommendation:

Members' views are sought on the proposals set out in the consultation document: Our Hospitals, Our Future.

4. Financial and Legal Implications

4.1 None directly, however these proposals will need substantial capital and revenue investment. Additional funding was announced for the NHS and personal social services as part of the National Plan. These proposals are very much in tune with the Government's intentions for the NHS.

4.2 Detailed planning consent will be needed for hospital site redevelopments.

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