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Minutes of the **MEETING of the ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HP on Thursday, 5th April, 2018 at 7.00 pm

Present: Mrs L Stephenson (Chair) Miss R Burkitt
Mr G Conde Mr W Cross
Mrs J Fox Miss G Waller

Officers present: Mr M Andrews Deputy Director for People
Ms K Kibblewhite Head of Commissioning
Ms S Newton Commissioning Officer
Mrs K Sorsky Service Manager
Mrs N Taylor Governance Manager

In attendance: Mr A Walters Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health
Paul Traynor Chief Financial Officer UHL
Nicky Topham Reconfiguration Programme Director UHL
John Jameson Deputy Medical Director UHL
Rakesh Vaja Head of Service Critical Care UHL
Tammy Thurley Community Support Services Team Manager
Joanne Carter MICARE Community Support Coordinator
Carol Taggart MICARE Community Support Coordinator
Tracey Taylor MICARE Community Support Coordinator
Gaynor Poole MICARE Community Support Coordinator
Mrs J Musson Service User
Mrs A Moore Admiral Nurse

718 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

719 CONSOLIDATION OF INTENSIVE TREATMENT UNITS

A presentation (appended to the minutes) was received from University Hospitals Leicester. The presentation was provided by Paul Traynor – Chief Financial Officer; Nicky Topham – Reconfiguration Programme Director; John Jameson – Deputy Medical Director and Rakesh Vaja – Head of Service Critical Care.

The purpose of the presentation was to provide members with information and background regarding the plan for the relocation of Intensive Care capacity and associated specialties from the Leicester General site.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. The current situation was not sustainable due to the lack of a suitably qualified clinicians to maintain safe Level 3 Intensive Care Unit (ICU) services across the three sites and the fact that the Leicester General did not treat a sufficient number of critically unwell patients to safely maintain Level 3 ICU services;
- ii. The £31 million investment was designated to this project only and was not reliant on or connected with other proposals for sustainability through the Sustainability and Transformation Plan;
- iii. It was confirmed that clinicians advised the project team, members were reassured that Doctors and Consultants working within the system were involved in developing proposals. The Chief Finance Officer was also important to maintain oversight of budgets and the capital programme;
- iv. Members asked for reassurance that this would not lead to further reduction in services at the General, especially as many Rutland Residents already opted to go to Peterborough Hospital as it was easier to access. It was confirmed that this business case stood alone, but that there may be other projects and schemes to centralise services in order to ensure future sustainability; and
- v. Leicester General was still a teaching hospital, but the full range of intensive care teaching could no longer be achieved at the General.

AGREED:

The Panel endorsed the plan to consolidate ICU at the Royal and Glenfield.