

Temporary service change: Framework for decisions

Recommendation:

The Devon Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the CCG approach in relation to temporary service change, including how it will be briefed in such circumstances.

As members will be aware, there will be occasions when it is necessary for the NHS to brief the Committee on temporary service change arising from circumstances that are urgent and necessary for example due to safety or welfare of patients or staff.

Such decisions are the responsibility of the service provider responsible for the safe and effective operation of services. However it is important that the Committee is aware that when a provider considers a temporary change is necessary the CCG is informed on these matters.

In particular the CCG is interested in specifically:

- The adequacy of reasons for temporary change
- The interim solutions that are being put in place
- The steps to address the issue
- The expected duration of the change.

Our aim would always be to support the provider and to work with the provider in ensuring the Committee is briefed and updated. At the meeting on 21st September 2017, the CCG will provide members with an overview of the framework that the CCG adopts including how the Committee will be briefed when such circumstances arise.

Report on behalf of:

Director of Strategy (NEW Devon and Torbay and South Devon CCGs)