

Report to Leader of the Council

Subject: Pop-Up Vaccination Centre

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Wards Affected

All

Purpose

To obtain approval to grant a licence to the Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for use of rooms at the Richard Herrod Centre for use as a community vaccination centre.

Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

Recommendation(s)

THAT the Leader of the Council:

- 1) Approves the grant of a licence to the Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust of rooms at the Richard Herrod Centre for use as a pop-up vaccination centre.**
- 2) Delegates authority to the Chief Executive to make all operational decisions relating to the licence agreement and approve any variations to the licence agreement, including in relation to fees and extension of the licence period.**

1 Background

- 1.1 The Covid-19 pandemic is well established and prevalent in the communities of Gedling. The Government and National Health Service (NHS) response has moved to Level 4 and there is now a priority to roll out

Covid-19 vaccination boosters within the community in the coming weeks in light of the spread of the Omnicron variant. NHS partners are increasing vaccinations capacity to prevent Covid-19 from taking further hold within the population.

- 1.2 Part of the response to halt the spread of the Covid-19 Omnicron variant is the introduction of Pop-Up Vaccination Centres. Gedling has been chosen to host a Pop-up Vaccination Centre and the Richard Herrod Centre (RHC) has been identified as an ideal site.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 THAT the Leader of the Council:

- 1) Approves the grant of a licence to the Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust of rooms at the Richard Herrod Centre for use as a pop-up vaccination centre.
- 2) Delegates authority to the Chief Executive to make all operational decisions relating to the licence agreement and approve any variations to the licence agreement, including in relation to fees and extension of the licence period.

3 Alternative Options

- 3.1 The Council could decide not to grant the licence. However this would mean that it would be unlikely that a Pop-up Vaccination Centre would be established in the borough to tackle the local spread of the Omnicron variant.
- 3.2 The operational decisions in respect of the licence could remain with the Executive, however this would be considered to be an unnecessary burden on the Executive as it would involve approving all changes to agreement, changes to fees and extensions.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 For the duration of the Pop-up vaccination centre, the Council will negotiate a fee to hire the venue. This covers staff costs and contributes towards the charges/fees normally associated with the hire of the facility for the dates/hours required. The NHS are responsible for the costs of 24hr security of the site and any additional waste collections, including

clinical waste.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 A licence agreement will be entered into with the Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to occupy the premises as soon as possible. This will cover what areas of the RHC they are permitted use and any terms and conditions of that use. An agreement to occupy is required in line with financial regulations.
- 5.2 A licence should not be given for rooms / areas which any other third party has been given an exclusive right to use. Any events or private bookings due to take place during the applicable licence period would need to be cancelled.

6 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 The RHC currently facilitates disabled access to the venue and includes the provision of designated disabled parking bays. There is an accessible toilet available for public use which includes baby changing facilities.

There is a requirement within the Covid Regulations for individuals to wear a mask whilst on inside premises. There are however specific provisions that exempt certain people who may fall within the protected characteristic of disability from wearing facemasks so individuals with protected characteristics will not be negatively affected by this requirement.

Consideration should also be given to staff at the RHC falling within a protected characteristic that may be at greater risk of infection such as those with a disability or from the BAME community when assessing operational measures that may be undertaken to ensure the risk to the health of those staff members is not increased.

7 Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications

- 7.1 It is anticipated that with up to 1000 members of the public being vaccinated and a number of NHS staff on site per day that there could be increased usage of vehicles travelling to the RHC as many people will drive their cars to the vaccination site. Although there are good public transport links to the RHC the anticipated increase in car journeys may

contribute negatively to the Council's carbon reduction aims, although it will be mitigated slightly by the reduction in other events at the RHC that would usually take place during this period.

8 Appendices

8.1 None

9 Background Papers

None

10.1 Reasons for Recommendations

10.1 To assist a key partner organisation in the national response to the Covid-19 pandemic and to ensure that the NHS can offer a key, accessible facility to support the citizens of Gedling to become protected from Covid-19.