

# Agenda

## Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Tuesday, 9 December 2014, 1.30 pm**  
**County Hall, Worcester**

All County Councillors are invited to attend and participate

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# DISCLOSING INTERESTS

There are now 2 types of interests:  
**'Disclosable pecuniary interests'** and **'other disclosable interests'**

## WHAT IS A 'DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST' (DPI)?

- Any **employment**, office, trade or vocation carried on for profit or gain
- **Sponsorship** by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party of your member or election expenses
- Any **contract** for goods, services or works between the Council and you, a firm where you are a partner/director, or company in which you hold shares
- Interests in **land** in Worcestershire (including licence to occupy for a month or longer)
- **Shares** etc (with either a total nominal value above £25,000 or 1% of the total issued share capital) in companies with a place of business or land in Worcestershire.

**NB Your DPIs include the interests of your spouse/partner as well as you**

## WHAT MUST I DO WITH A DPI?

- **Register** it within 28 days and
- **Declare** it where you have a DPI in a matter at a particular meeting
  - you must **not participate** and you **must withdraw**.

**NB It is a criminal offence to participate in matters in which you have a DPI**

## WHAT ABOUT 'OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS'?

- No need to register them but
- You must **declare** them at a particular meeting where:  
You/your family/person or body with whom you are associated have a **pecuniary interest** in or **close connection** with the matter under discussion.

## WHAT ABOUT MEMBERSHIP OF ANOTHER AUTHORITY OR PUBLIC BODY?

You will not normally even need to declare this as an interest. The only exception is where the conflict of interest is so significant it is seen as likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

## DO I HAVE TO WITHDRAW IF I HAVE A DISCLOSABLE INTEREST WHICH ISN'T A DPI?

Not normally. You must withdraw only if it:

- affects your **pecuniary interests OR** relates to a **planning or regulatory** matter
- **AND** it is seen as likely to **prejudice your judgement** of the public interest.

## DON'T FORGET

- If you have a disclosable interest at a meeting you must **disclose both its existence and nature** – 'as noted/recorded' is insufficient
- **Declarations must relate to specific business** on the agenda
  - General scattergun declarations are not needed and achieve little
- Breaches of most of the **DPI provisions** are now **criminal offences** which may be referred to the police which can on conviction by a court lead to fines up to £5,000 and disqualification up to 5 years
- Formal **dispensation** in respect of interests can be sought in appropriate cases.

## Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

### Tuesday, 9 December 2014, 1.30 pm, County Hall

#### Membership

##### Councillors:

Mr A C Roberts (Chairman), Mr W P Gretton, Mrs J L M A Griffiths, Mr P Grove, Ms P A Hill, Mr A P Miller, Prof J W Raine, Ms M A Rayner, Mr G J Vickery, Dr B T Cooper, Mr M Johnson, Ms J Marriott (Vice Chairman), Mrs F M Oborski, Mrs F S Smith and Mrs P Witherspoon

#### Agenda

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1	<b>Apologies and Welcome</b>	
2	<b>Declarations of Interest and of any Party Whip</b>	
3	<b>Public Participation</b> Members of the public wishing to take part should notify the Director of Resources in writing or by email indicating the nature and content of their proposed participation no later than 9.00am on the working day before the meeting (in this case 8 December 2014). Enquiries can be made through the telephone number/email address below.	
4	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings</b> Previously circulated	
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## **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

### **Summary**

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is to consider an update on provision of Mental Health Services within Worcestershire.
2. The imminent Chief Inspector's inspection of mental health and community health services in Worcestershire, the national focus on mental health policy and the recent publication of the Department of Health's report, which looks towards '*Achieving Better Access to Mental Health Services by 2020*', provide an ideal opportunity for the HOSC to gain a better understanding of services in Worcestershire.
3. Representatives from the service provider, Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust have been invited to the meeting. Representatives have also been invited from the Integrated Commissioning Executive Unit and Worcestershire Healthwatch.

### **Background**

4. Mental Health Services have been on the HOSC's work programme for some time. In October 2013 the Committee heard about the Well Connected Programme which comprised a number of projects, including mental health liaison. The Committee agreed to consider each element of Well Connected separately, and an update on Mental Health Liaison was provided at the HOSC meeting on 5 November 2014. Following the discussion, it was agreed to continue the focus on mental health, and a broader session on overall Mental Health Services has therefore been arranged.
5. Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust (WHCT) provide community and inpatient services to adults, older adults and children across the spectrum of mental health needs. Services include: inpatient provision, community mental health services, crisis response, home treatment teams, specialist teams including eating disorders, perinatal mental health, reablement and vocational support, early intervention, work in acute hospital settings and psychological therapies (talking therapies). Community mental health services are delivered through integrated health and social care teams.
6. In January 2014, a new Mental Wellbeing and Suicide Prevention Strategy for Worcestershire was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
7. There have been significant changes to the provision of mental health care and support over the last two decades. Many of these changes have been driven by national policy, more understanding around best practice and recovery

## Purpose of the Meeting

## Supporting Papers

focused services and an overall shift in societal views around mental illness. There is now a greater understanding around both the prevalence and continuum of mental health i.e. from more common conditions, such as depression and anxiety, to more severe and enduring mental disorders including schizophrenia. Subsequently there is also more recognition that a range of services have to be available to support this depth and breadth of need.

8. The importance of prevention and early intervention is also universally acknowledged and for this to be successful, mental health support has to be "everyone's business". The national strategy "No Health without Mental Health" highlights the significance of inter-agency working, mental health awareness and provision of low level support across all sectors (for example employers, housing, education, police).

9. Working in this way would enable a targeted, timely response for those in greatest need to be provided by secondary care and ensure a recovery focused pathway to independence where individuals' lives have been debilitated as a consequence of mental illness. The Health and Care Trust seeks to achieve this through provision of support in a range of settings that people feel comfortable in (for example GP surgeries, voluntary and community organisations and acute hospitals); whilst working with partners to strengthen their knowledge and confidence as well as reduce the stigma associated with mental ill health.

10. The aim of the meeting is to enable the HOSC to gain a better understanding of mental health services provided in the county, the policy changes (past and future), the importance of interagency working across the system and how progress will be made to parity of esteem between physical and mental health.

11. During the discussion the HOSC may wish to consider the following:

- How do Mental Health Services in Worcestershire compare nationally and what does WHCT perceive as the main issues and barriers towards achieving parity of esteem for mental and physical health?
- the issues raised by Healthwatch at the 5 November HOSC, including availability of talking therapies, re-accessing services once discharged, out-of-hours crisis support, suitable safe places for children and young people, and capacity;

12. Following the discussion, HOSC members are asked to consider whether any further information is required and identify any specific elements for potential future scrutiny.

Presentation slides will be available at the meeting.

## Contact Points

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## Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and minutes of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee 5 November 2014, 8 October 2013, 26 February 2014  
[All agendas and minutes can be found on the Council's website](#)
- HM Government's national policy 'No health without Mental Health', which is available on their website:  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/213761/dh\\_124058.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/213761/dh_124058.pdf)
- Department of Health's report 'Achieving Better Access to Mental Health Services by 2020', which is available on their website:  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/361648/mental-health-access.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/361648/mental-health-access.pdf)
- Worcestershire's Mental Wellbeing and Suicide Prevention Strategy, which was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board in January 2014:  
<http://public.worcestershire.gov.uk/web/home/DS/Documents/Appendix/Health%20and%20Well-being%20Board/Agendas%20and%20Reports%202014/Item%205.pdf>

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## **HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ROUND-UP**

### **Summary**

1. To receive a round-up of information on:
  - County Council activities in relation to health;
  - District Council activities in relation to health;
  - NHS Board Meetings;
  - Consultations in Worcestershire;
  - Urgent health issues in Worcestershire; and
  - Items for future meetings of the Scrutiny Committee.

### **Background**

2. In order to ensure that Members of the Scrutiny Committee are fully informed about issues relating to health scrutiny in Worcestershire, communication will be essential. To assist in this, an item will be placed on the agenda for each meeting of the Scrutiny Committee to consider consultations, County Council activities, District Council activities, urgent health issues arising in Worcestershire and future agenda items. Regard for the Council's statutory requirements in relation to access to information will be critical.

### **County Council Activities in Relation to Health**

3. A range of County Council services can impact upon and also be impacted upon by health services. Recognising that the health-related work of the County Council will be of interest to the District Councillors on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, an oral update on such activities, and on other matters the Chairman has been involved in, will be provided at each meeting by the Committee Chairman at each meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

### **District Council Activities in Relation to Health**

4. The statutory power of health scrutiny, including the power to require an officer of a local NHS body to attend before the Council, rests with the County Council. However, it is recognised that a number of District Councils within Worcestershire are undertaking work in relation to local health issues, under their duty to promote the economic, social or environmental well-being of their area.
5. Recognising that the work of the District Councils will be of value and interest to the wider Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, an oral update will be provided on such activities by District Councillors at each meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

### **NHS Board Meetings**

6. To help the Scrutiny Committee Members to keep up-to-date and maintain their knowledge of health issues around the County, it was agreed that a 'Lead Member' would be identified for each of the local NHS bodies to attend their Board Meetings and then provide an oral update at each meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

### **Consultations in Worcestershire**

7. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a duty to respond to local Health Trusts' consultations on any proposed

## Urgent Health Issues in Worcestershire

substantial changes to local health services. An oral update will be provided at each meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on both developments relating to consultations previously undertaken and forthcoming consultations.

8. Worcestershire County Council's constitution makes provision for urgent items to be considered. Standing Order 12.2 specifies that the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee "may bring before the meeting and cause to be considered an item of business not specified in the summons or agenda where the Chairman is of the opinion, by reason of special circumstances (which shall be specified in the minutes) that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency".

9. Additionally, Standing Order 9.4.2 allows for the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee at any time to call a special meeting of the Scrutiny Committee. Standing Order 9.4.3 allows for at least one quarter of the members of the Scrutiny Committee to requisition a special meeting of the Scrutiny Committee. Such a requisition must be in writing, be signed by each of the Councillors concerned, identify the business to be considered and be delivered to the Director of Resources. In accordance with Access to Information Rules, the Council must give five clear days' notice of any meeting.

## Items for Future Meetings

10. It is necessary that the Scrutiny Committee's ability to react to emerging health issues in a timely manner and the public's expectation of this is balanced against Worcestershire County Council's statutory duty to ensure that meetings and issues to be considered are open and transparent and meet legislative requirements. This agenda item must not be used to raise non-urgent issues. Any such issues should be raised with Democratic Services Unit at least two weeks in advance of a scheduled meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

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- Worcestershire County Council Procedural Standing Orders and Access to Information Rules, September 2012