

Agenda

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday, 3 March 2015, 10.30 am
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 3rd 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.

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Redditch Borough Council Mrs P Witherspoon
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Wyre Forest District Council Mrs F Oborski

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – OLDER PEOPLE

Summary

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is to consider an update on provision of Older People's Mental Health Services, within Worcestershire, including Dementia.
2. This follows on from the HOSC's earlier overview of Mental Health Services in Worcestershire, and the Mental Health Liaison Service.
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 Unit and other associated organisations.

Background

4. HOSC members are aware that there have been significant changes to the provision of mental health care and support over the last two decades, as a result of national policy, a greater understanding around best practice and an overall shift in society's views around mental illness.
5. Within Worcestershire, health partners have committed to recent Government initiatives aimed at improving patient and care outcomes through partnership working, including the '*Dementia Action Alliance – Carers Call to Action*', which urges improvements in support for the estimated half a million people who care for someone with dementia.

Older Adult Mental Services

6. In relation to older adult mental health, Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust (WHCT) provide community and inpatient services to adults with mental health needs, including dementia, across Worcestershire.
7. Older Adult Mental Health Services provided by the Trust include the Early Intervention in Dementia Service, which by intervening early in the illness before cognitive deficits affect mental capacity, encourages patient choice and autonomy, helping the individual and their family adapt to the illness and start making plans for the future.
8. WHCT work closely with voluntary and community sector organisations throughout the County as they play an important role in local Dementia pathway delivery and are better placed to help people living with Dementia within their own communities.

Purpose of the Meeting

9. The aim of the meeting is to extend HOSC's 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.

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

- future planning for Older Adult Mental Health Services, based on Worcestershire's demography which includes higher than average numbers of older adults, and the continuing trend of more people living for longer with health conditions such as Dementia;
- how do Older Adult Mental Health and Dementia 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 implications of the Care Act 2014
- issues raised during the HOSC's earlier discussions of other mental health services, some of which may also be relevant to services for older people – funding, waiting times for early intervention, access to psychological therapies and group work, crisis support, discharge planning and interface with social care, housing and supporting people, re-accessing services once discharged, and capacity.

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

Supporting Papers

Presentation slides will be available at the meeting.

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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 8 October 2013, 26 February, 5 November and 9 December 2014
[Minutes and Agendas are available here](#)
- 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
- 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

- 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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WORCESTERSHIRE ACUTE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST - UPDATE

Summary

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is to receive an update from Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust following the resignation of five Accident and Emergency (A&E) consultants.

2. The Chief Executive of the Acute Hospitals Trust has been invited to the meeting.

Background

3. HOSC members will be aware from the Trust's recent communication to the press and stakeholders, including HOSC, that on 16 February 2015, resignations were received from five emergency department consultants – four from Redditch's Alexandra Hospital and one from Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

4. The press release advised that:

- all five consultants had been offered posts at Warwick Hospital, which is in the process of increasing its establishment, to provide seven-day working;
- none of the consultants will leave before May 2015 and all vacancies are being advertised;
- services for patients at the Alexandra Hospital A&E department are being provided as normal;
- the Trust is working with partners locally and across the region on a solution to maintain services at the Alexandra Hospital in the future, and offers of support had already been received.

Purpose of Meeting

5. Members are invited to consider and comment on the information provided about action being taken to address the consultant resignations, and determine whether any further action is required at this stage.

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Press release from Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust on 16 and 17 February 2015:

<http://www.worcsacute.nhs.uk/news/press-statement-ae-consultant-resignations/>

Agendas and Minutes of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15 July, 17 June, 26 February and 22 January 2014, 24 January, 25 June and 4 September 2013, 4 July and 6 November 2012

These are all available on the Council's website at:

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/democratic-services/minutes-and-agendas.aspx>

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 substantial changes to local health services. An oral update will

Urgent Health Issues in Worcestershire

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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