

Agenda

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 15 July 2015, 10.00 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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Membership

Worcestershire County Council 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, Mrs M A Rayner and
Mr G J Vickery

District Councils Mr T Baker, Malvern Hills District Council
Dr B Cooper, Bromsgrove District Council
Mrs F Oborski, Wyre Forest District Council
Mrs F Smith, Wychavon District Council
Mr A Stafford, Worcester City Council
Mrs N Wood-Ford, Redditch Borough Council

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PRIMARY CARE COMMISSIONING AND GP ACCESS

Summary

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is to consider an update on changes to commissioning arrangements of General Practice (GP) Services.

2. These changes form part of many taking place across the NHS and are included in the recently published NHS Five Year Forward View, which forms part of the HOSC's on-going work programme.

3. Representatives have been invited from Worcestershire's three clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and NHS England West Midlands (Worcestershire and Herefordshire Locality). Feedback has also been sought from Healthwatch Worcestershire.

Current arrangements

4. Since 2013 NHS England has had responsibility for commissioning GP services. However in January 2015 NHS England invited CCGs to put forward expressions of interest to take on an increased role in commissioning primary care services. This was with a view to recognising the importance of ensuring GP services are very closely aligned with other community and secondary care health services that are already commissioned by CCGs.

5. CCGs were able to apply for one of three levels of greater involvement in commissioning GP services:

- greater involvement in primary care decision making with NHS England (NHSE)
- joint commissioning arrangements with NHSE
- delegated commissioning arrangements from NHSE.

Arrangements from April 2015

6. As a result, from 1 April 2015, the commissioning arrangements for GP services across Worcestershire have changed. South Worcestershire CCG has been handed full delegated responsibility for commissioning. In North Worcestershire, Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG and Wyre Forest CCG have opted for the joint commissioning model.

7. The new arrangements will require changes in ways of working and governance, in particular relating to the delegated model opted for by South Worcestershire CCG.

Access to GPs

8. The discussion also enables committee members to ask about more general issues affecting GP services. Several committee members have recently raised problems reported by constituents about GP capacity and availability of GP appointments, an issue which has also been reported nationally.

Future agenda

9. Healthwatch Worcestershire has recently completed some work on GP services for deaf people and access by the homeless – both these reports are available [here on their website](#)

10. Co-commissioning of GP services is included in the recently published NHS Five Year Forward View, which sets out a vision and collective view of how the NHS needs to change, what it might look like and how to achieve it.

11. In the near future it is planned to update the HOSC on the New Models of Care Programme, through which individual organisations have been invited to apply to be a 'vanguard' site, giving the opportunity to work with national partners to co-design new models of care.

Purpose of the Meeting

12. The aim of the meeting is to:

- Increase understanding of new GP commissioning arrangements
- Enable discussion of issues raised during the year about access to GP appointments and capacity.

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

- How will new arrangements be used to drive improvements in local health care?
- How have the governance arrangements being developed?
- Monitoring arrangements for new commissioning and purchasing powers
- How will the changes improve issues identified by HOSC during earlier discussions around GP services, including access, capacity, and availability of appointments?
- What about patients living in border areas?
- The Government's plans for 7 day GP working
- GP recruitment issues.

14. 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:

Primary care Co-commissioning (NHS England)
<http://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/pc-co-comms/>

NHS Five Year Forward View
<http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/futurenhs/>

Healthwatch Worcestershire reports on 'Access to GP Services for Deaf People' and 'Homelessness and Access to Health Services in Worcestershire'
<http://www.healthwatchworcestershire.co.uk/work-us>

BBC News article: 'Some patients 'struggling to book with GP', watchdog says' (14 November 2014)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-30072905>

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WORCESTERSHIRE ACUTE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST: UPDATE ON CQC UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION

Summary

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is to consider an update from the Chairman of Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust (WAHT).

Background

2. On 16 June 2015, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) published a report on their unannounced inspection of the Trust's Emergency Departments at Worcestershire Royal Hospital and the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch on 24 March 2015. The WAHT Chairman, Mr Harry Turner, has been invited specifically to update HOSC on actions taken following this report.

Future Meeting

3. At the 16 September 2015 HOSC, the meeting will involve detailed discussion in relation to the following:

- The Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire (FOAHSW) following the West Midlands Clinical Senate Report, published June 2015
- If released, the Good Governance Institute Report into allegations around bullying and harassment (commissioned by the Trust Development Authority in March 2015)
- Further update in relation to the CQC unannounced inspection in March
- If practical, an update following the planned CQC inspection from 14 to 16 July 2015.

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Care Quality Commission Inspection Report

Date of Inspection Visit: 24 March 2015

Date of Publication: 16 June 2015

http://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/new_reports/AAAD4557.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.

Scrutiny Activity – Patient Flow

6. Several HOSC members recently visited the Patient Flow Centre. The Centre is a multi-partner facility which co-ordinates discharge of patients from Acute Hospitals, according to which Pathway is most appropriate (for example, home with support/community hospital/residential care). The aim is to avoid people who no longer require acute hospital care having to stay in hospital longer than is needed, whilst also maximising use of acute hospital capacity. The centre is based at Wildwood, Worcester and staffed by partners, including Worcestershire County Council and the Health and Care Trust.

NHS Board Meetings

7. To help 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

8. 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 be provided at each meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on both developments relating to consultations previously undertaken and forthcoming consultations.

Urgent Health Issues in Worcestershire

9. 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".

10. 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 Commercial and Change. In accordance with Access to Information Rules, the Council must give five clear days' notice of any meeting.

Items for Future Meetings

11. 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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Background Papers

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background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

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

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