

## **HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **11 JANUARY 2017**

## **WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE UPDATE**

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### **Summary**

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is to receive an update from West Midlands Ambulance Services (WMAS), from the Chief Executive.

### **Background**

2. For the benefit of new HOSC members, West Midlands Ambulance Service was authorised as a foundation trust in January 2013 and in line with the provisions of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, was licensed as a provider of NHS services on 1 April 2013. The Trust serves a population of 5.36 million, covering an area of more than 5000 square miles across the whole of the West Midlands, including, in addition to Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country.

3. The most recent update to the HOSC, on 22 January 2014, included the 999 service, access routes for the service, the vision, structure, clinical governance, partnership working and performance to date.

### **Scrutiny**

4. Health Scrutiny Committees across the region receive monthly performance statistics from WMAS. Whilst discussing the Trust's services in Worcestershire, HOSC members may want to reflect on its wider discussions with the local health economy stakeholders, including the challenge of servicing rural areas, sustaining services under financial pressures, hospital handovers, pressures on A&E and increased partnership working as part of the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Sustainable Transformation Plan.

5. The HOSC also receives regular updates from the two lead scrutiny members who regularly attend WMAS public Board meetings.

### **Purpose of the Meeting**

6. Members are invited to consider and comment on the information provided and whether any further scrutiny work is required at this stage.

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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:

- Agendas and Minutes of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 22 January 2014 and 19 June 2012 – available on the County Council website [here](#)