

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 12 DECEMBER 2017

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLANS FOR WORCESTERSHIRE ROYAL HOSPITAL

Summary

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is to receive an update on Worcestershire Acute Hospital NHS Trust's (the Trust) capital expenditure plans.
2. A representative from the Trust's Board has been invited to the Meeting.

Background

3. HOSC Members will be aware that the outcome of the lengthy review of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire, finalised in July 2017, meant that the Trust was able to submit a bid for £29.6million of capital funding from the Department of Health. The funding would enable the works involved, which it was planned to have completed by May 2020.
4. The clinical model recommended from the Review was to enable continued delivery of services in Worcestershire and respond to national changes in the training of doctors and increasing staff shortages.
5. At its 17 October 2017 discussion with the Trust, the HOSC was pleased to learn that £29.6m capital had been allocated, however it was understood that the funding would only be secured subject to a further business case.
6. Separate to these works, HOSC Members were also advised that part of the Trust's winter plan included an additional ward on the Worcester site, which would be an Ambulatory Emergency Care (AEC) Unit.
7. The new AEC Unit saw its first patients on 20 November 2017. The Unit, which adjoins the current A&E department, allows appropriate patients to be seen and treated more quickly, as well as helping to free-up space in the main A&E department.
8. The money for the AEC Unit is separate to the £29.6m and resulted from a bid from national funding to support Emergency Department streaming to primary care and other co-located front door services.
9. Further information on the new AEC Unit, progress accessing the £29.6m Department of Health Funding, and plans for its use will be provided at the meeting.

Legal, Financial and HR Implications

10. There are no specific implications associated with this paper.

Equality and Diversity Implications

11. There are no specific issues to highlight at this stage.

Purpose of the Meeting

12. Members are invited to consider and comment on progress of the Trust's £29.6m expenditure plans.

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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 on 17 October and 19 July 2017 - available on the County Council's website [here](#)