

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 14 MARCH 2018

WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE UPDATE

Summary

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is to receive an update from West Midlands Ambulance Services (WMAS), from the Chief Executive and Director of Clinical Commissioning & Service Development.
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 5.6 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 was on 11 January 2017 and a link to this meeting can be found in the background papers section of this report.

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4. Whilst discussing the Trust's services in Worcestershire, HOSC members may want to reflect on its wider discussions with other 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 Partnership.
5. As part of recent induction sessions for the HOSC, several Members visited the Trust's headquarters and control centre at Brierley Hill in September 2017. The HOSC also receives regular updates from the Lead Scrutiny Member for WMAS who regularly attends WMAS public Board Meetings and receives monthly news bulletins.

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 11 January 2017 and 22 January 2014 and 19 June 2012 – available on the County Council website [here](#)