

## **HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **27 JUNE 2019**

## **PROPOSED MERGER OF WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE NHS CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUPS**

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### **Summary**

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is asked to note the proposed merger of Worcestershire and Herefordshire NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).
2. A representative from Worcestershire's CCGs has been invited to the meeting.

### **Background**

3. For the benefit of new HOSC Members, NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups took over responsibility for commissioning local health services in April 2013. They are organisations combining the expertise of local family doctors (GPs) and NHS managers; putting local doctors and nurses at the very heart of deciding what health services to provide, where and how. CCGs must constantly respond and adapt to changing local circumstances. They are responsible for the health of their entire population and are measured by how much they improve outcomes. They are administrative organisations and do not directly deliver any services to the public so any changes in CCG configuration will not impact on service configuration.
4. Currently there are three CCGs in Worcestershire (South Worcestershire NHS CCG, Redditch and Bromsgrove NHS CCG and Wyre Forest NHS CCG). The three Worcestershire CCGs already have a shared management team that has been in place since 2017 and have been holding Governing Body 'meetings in common' since April 2018 where in essence there is one meeting which conducts the business of the three CCGs.
5. Herefordshire has one CCG but shares an Accountable Officer and several other senior management positions with the Worcestershire CCGs.
6. HOSC Members were briefed on the new NHS Long Term Plan at its 5 March 2019 meeting. The NHS Long Term Plan presents the opportunity for all NHS organisations to radically change the way in which they work both internally and in partnership with one another to help support the development of Integrated Care Systems.
7. For CCGs, there is an expectation that by April 2021 every Integrated Care System will have more streamlined commissioning arrangements to enable a single set of commissioning decisions at the Integrated Care System level. For

Herefordshire and Worcestershire this will involve moving from four CCGs to a leaner, more strategic single CCG for Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

8. HOSC has been kept informed through a briefing note, the consultation document (attached at Appendix 1) and access to up to date information via the website - [www.southworcscg.nhs.uk/get-involved-v2/current-engagement](http://www.southworcscg.nhs.uk/get-involved-v2/current-engagement)

### **Purpose of the Meeting**

9. To inform the HOSC about the proposed merger of Worcestershire and Herefordshire NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups and assess any potential implications for health services in Worcestershire.

### **Supporting Information**

- Appendix – Consultation Document

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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 HOSC on 5 March 2019 – available on the Council website [here](#)