

WORCESTERSHIRE ACUTE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST - UPDATE

Summary

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is to receive an update from Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust following the resignation of five Accident and Emergency (A&E) consultants.

2. The Chief Executive of the Acute Hospitals Trust has been invited to the meeting.

Background

3. HOSC members will be aware from the Trust's recent communication to the press and stakeholders, including HOSC, that on 16 February 2015, resignations were received from five emergency department consultants – four from Redditch's Alexandra Hospital and one from Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

4. The press release advised that:

- all five consultants had been offered posts at Warwick Hospital, which is in the process of increasing its establishment, to provide seven-day working;
- none of the consultants will leave before May 2015 and all vacancies are being advertised;
- services for patients at the Alexandra Hospital A&E department are being provided as normal;
- the Trust is working with partners locally and across the region on a solution to maintain services at the Alexandra Hospital in the future, and offers of support had already been received.

Purpose of Meeting

5. Members are invited to consider and comment on the information provided about action being taken to address the consultant resignations, and determine whether any further action 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:

Press release from Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust on 16 and 17 February 2015:

<http://www.worcsacute.nhs.uk/news/press-statement-ae-consultant-resignations/>

Agendas and Minutes of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15 July, 17 June, 26 February and 22 January 2014, 24 January, 25 June and 4 September 2013, 4 July and 6 November 2012

These are all available on the Council's website at:

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/democratic-services/minutes-and-agendas.aspx>