

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

7 DECEMBER 2023

OVERVIEW FROM WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE

Summary

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is to receive an overview from West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust (WMAS) on ambulance services provided in Worcestershire.
2. The WMAS Director of Performance and Improvement has been invited to the meeting to respond to any questions the HOSC may have.
4. WMAS has provided regular updates to the HOSC (see background papers) and has participated in the HOSC's ongoing monitoring of patient flow, including how this impacts on the significant issue of ambulance hospital handover delays.

Scrutiny

5. Whilst discussing WMAS'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 increasing financial pressures, hospital handovers, pressures on A&E, Worcestershire's growing and ageing population and increased partnership working as part of the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System.
6. Appendix 1 provides an overview of WMAS.
7. Appendix 2 provides performance information for WMAS within the Herefordshire and Worcestershire health and care system, including activity, response times and handover delays.

Purpose of the Meeting

7. The HOSC is asked to:
 - consider and comment on the information provided from West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust; and
 - determine whether any further information or scrutiny on a particular topic is required.

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 – Overview of WMAS

Appendix 2 – Performance of WMAS in the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care System

NOTE these documents are provided by a third party, and for an alternative version please contact: vivek.khashu@wmas.nhs.uk

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director Legal and Governance) 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 15 June 2023, 9 March, 8 July and 17 October 2022, 18 October 2021 and 27 June 2019
[Web-link to Health Overview and Scrutiny Overview and Scrutiny Committee Minutes and Agendas](#)

All agendas and minutes are available on the Council's website here.