

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 9 DECEMBER 2015

QUALITY OF ACUTE HOSPITAL SERVICES

Summary

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is to receive an update from Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust (WAHT) following the Care Quality Commission's (CQC) decision to place the Trust into special measures.
2. Representatives from the Trust have been invited to attend the meeting.
3. The Chairman has requested that this item be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, due to the CQC report being released after the agenda was published.

Background

4. The HOSC will be aware that there was a CQC planned inspection in July 2015. The outcomes of the inspection were published on 2 December 2015; press releases from the CQC, WAHT and the Trust Development Authority are attached as appendices.

Purpose of Meeting

5. Members are invited to consider and comment on the action being taken to address the quality of services at the Trust.
6. Following the discussion, HOSC Members are asked to consider whether any further information is required and identify any specific elements for potential future scrutiny.

Supporting Information

- Appendix 1 - Care Quality Commission Press release, 2 December 2015
- Appendix 2 – Worcestershire Acute Hospital NHS Trust Press Release, 2 December 2015
- Appendix 3 – Trust Development Authority Press Release, 2 December 2015

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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: