

Agenda

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 1 December 2022, 10.00 am

**Worcestershire Royal Hospital, Charles Hastings Education
Centre**

All County Councillors are invited to attend and participate

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DISCLOSING INTERESTS

There are now 2 types of interests:
'Disclosable pecuniary interests' and **'other disclosable interests'**

WHAT IS A 'DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST' (DPI)?

- Any **employment**, office, trade or vocation carried on for profit or gain
- **Sponsorship** by a 3rd party of your member or election expenses
- Any **contract** for goods, services or works between the Council and you, a firm where you are a partner/director, or company in which you hold shares
- Interests in **land** in Worcestershire (including licence to occupy for a month or longer)
- **Shares** etc (with either a total nominal value above £25,000 or 1% of the total issued share capital) in companies with a place of business or land in Worcestershire.

NB Your DPIs include the interests of your spouse/partner as well as you

WHAT MUST I DO WITH A DPI?

- **Register** it within 28 days and
- **Declare** it where you have a DPI in a matter at a particular meeting
 - you must **not participate** and you **must withdraw**.

NB It is a criminal offence to participate in matters in which you have a DPI

WHAT ABOUT 'OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS'?

- No need to register them but
- You must **declare** them at a particular meeting where:
 - You/your family/person or body with whom you are associated have a **pecuniary interest** in or **close connection** with the matter under discussion.

WHAT ABOUT MEMBERSHIP OF ANOTHER AUTHORITY OR PUBLIC BODY?

You will not normally even need to declare this as an interest. The only exception is where the conflict of interest is so significant it is seen as likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

DO I HAVE TO WITHDRAW IF I HAVE A DISCLOSABLE INTEREST WHICH ISN'T A DPI?

Not normally. You must withdraw only if it:

- affects your **pecuniary interests OR** relates to a **planning or regulatory** matter
- **AND** it is seen as likely to **prejudice your judgement** of the public interest.

DON'T FORGET

- If you have a disclosable interest at a meeting you must **disclose both its existence and nature** – 'as noted/recorded' is insufficient
- **Declarations must relate to specific business** on the agenda
 - General scattergun declarations are not needed and achieve little
- Breaches of most of the **DPI provisions** are now **criminal offences** which may be referred to the police which can on conviction by a court lead to fines up to £5,000 and disqualification up to 5 years
- Formal **dispensation** in respect of interests can be sought in appropriate cases.

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Thursday, 1 December 2022, 10.00 am, Worcestershire Royal
Hospital (Charles Hastings Education Centre), Charles
Hastings Way, Worcester WR5 1DD

Membership

Worcestershire County Council Cllr Brandon Clayton (Chairman), Cllr Salman Akbar, Cllr David Chambers, Cllr Lynn Denham, Cllr Adrian Kriss, Cllr Jo Monk, Cllr Chris Rogers, Cllr Kit Taylor and Cllr Tom Wells

District Councils

Cllr Sue Baxter, Bromsgrove District Council
 Cllr Mike Chalk, Redditch District Council
 Cllr Calne Edginton-White, Wyre Forest District Council
 Cllr John Gallagher, Malvern Hills District Council
 Cllr Frances Smith, Wychavon District Council (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Richard Udall, Worcester City Council

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5	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting Previously circulated	
6	Update on Improving Patient Flow (indicative timing: 10:10 – 10:55am)	To follow
7	Work Programme (indicative timing: 10:55 – 11:05am)	3 - 8

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Date of Issue: Wednesday, 23 November 2022

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HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1 DECEMBER 2022

VICE CHAIRMAN

Summary

1. To consider the nomination of a Vice Chairman for the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC).

Background

2. Given that the statutory power of health scrutiny rests with the County Council, the Chairman of the HOSC is a County Councillor, Brandon Clayton. To reflect the partnership approach to health scrutiny in Worcestershire, the County Council's Constitution states that the Vice Chairmanship should be allocated to one of the District Council Members.

Next Steps

3. District Councillors are invited to nominate a Vice Chairman for the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The nominee put forward by the District Council Members will need to be agreed by Worcestershire County Council.

Contact Points

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Democratic Governance and Scrutiny Manager) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

[Worcestershire County Council's Constitution](#)

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HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1 DECEMBER 2022

WORK PROGRAMME

Summary

1. From time to time the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) will review its work programme and consider which issues should be investigated as a priority.

Background

2. Worcestershire County Council has a rolling annual Work Programme for Overview and Scrutiny. The 2022/23 Work Programme has been developed by taking into account issues still to be completed from 2021/22, the views of Overview and Scrutiny Members and other stakeholders and the findings of the budget scrutiny process.
3. Suggested issues have been prioritised using scrutiny feasibility criteria in order to ensure that topics are selected subjectively and the 'added value' of a review is considered right from the beginning.
4. The HOSC will need to retain the flexibility to take into account any urgent issues which may arise from substantial NHS service changes requiring consultation with HOSC.
5. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is responsible for scrutiny of:
 - Local NHS bodies and health services (including public health and children's health).
6. The scrutiny work programme was discussed by the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) on 29 June and agreed by Council on 14 July 2022.

Dates of Future 2023 Meetings

- 13 January at 10am
- 10 February at 10am
- 13 March at 10am
- 18 April at 10am
- 10 May at 10am
- 15 June at 10am
- 10 July at 2pm
- 11 September at 2pm
- 11 October at 10am
- 13 November at 10am

- 7 December at 10am

Purpose of the Meeting

7. The HOSC is asked to consider the 2022/23 Work Programme and agree whether it would like to make any amendments. The Committee will wish to retain the flexibility to take into account any urgent issues which may arise.

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 – Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2022/23

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[Agenda and Minutes for Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board 29 June 2022](#)

[Agenda and Minutes for Council 14 July 2022](#)

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SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting	Issue for Scrutiny	Date of Last Report	Notes / Follow-up Action
1 December 2022	Update on Improving Patient Flow*	17 October, 8 July, 9 May and 9 March 2022, 3 November and 18 October 2021	
13 January 2023	Public Health Ring Fenced Grant and Public Health Outcomes (including promoting active lifestyles, targeting rising obesity levels, prevalence of alcohol use during pregnancy etc.)		Six monthly update on PHRFG To include alcohol services and sexual health services
	Health Inequalities and Impacts Resulting from the Covid-19 Pandemic including waiting lists		To include Long Covid and cover the Notice of Motion from Council 13 January 2022
10 February 2023	Mental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the impact of COVID on children and young people - Dementia Services - Preventative measures, for example peri-natal mental health - Mental Health Needs Assessment (when complete) 	21 September 2021 19 September 2018 (CAMHS)	Ongoing updates on restoration of services during the Covid pandemic have also been provided (from June 2020 - present)
	Update on Garden Suite Ambulatory Chemotherapy Service	19 July 2021	
13 March 2023	Physiotherapy Services		Suggested at 19 July 2021 Meeting
	Out of County Elective Surgery		Requested at 9 May 2022 meeting
March/April 2023	Update on the Integrated Care Strategy		Requested at 2 November 2022 meeting
Ongoing	Monitoring temporary service changes (and new ways of working) as a result of COVID-19	10 March 2021 19 July 2021	
Ongoing	Integrated Care System (ICS) Development	10 March 2021	

		12 January 2022	
Possible Future Items			
Early 2023 - TBC	Community Paediatric Services		Suggested at Agenda Planning 23 August 2022
Early 2023 - TBC	Screening (Cervical/Antenatal/Newborn/Diabetic Eye/Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)/Breast/Bowel)		Suggested at 19 July 2021 Meeting
Early 2023 - TBC	Commissioning Arrangements under the ICS		To include the plans for the commissioning of Pharmacy, Dentistry, Optometry, Specialised Acute, New Arrangements for Mental Health, Specialist Mental Health and Prison Health
2023 - TBC	Community Pharmacies		Agenda planning September 2022
Early 2023 - TBC	Workforce	10 June 2022	Requested at 17 October 2022 Meeting
Early 2023 - TBC	Routine Immunisation		Suggested at 19 July 2021 Meeting
Early 2023 - TBC	Hospital at Home Service		Requested at 10 June 2022 meeting
TBC	Update on Dental Services Access		Requested at 9 March 2022 meeting
TBC	Dementia Services		Requested at 9 May 2022 meeting
TBC	End of Life Care		Requested at 10 June 2022 meeting
TBC	Onward Care Team		
TBC	Prevention		Suggested at 17 October 2022 Meeting
TBC	Glaucoma Services		Suggested at 17 October 2022 Meeting
April/May - TBC	Maternity Services (to monitor progress of the Acute Trust's Action Plan for improvement)	9 May and 17 October 2022 and 21 September 2021	Requested at 17 October 2022 Meeting

Standing Items			
TBC	Substantial NHS Service Changes requiring consultation with HOSC		
TBC	NHS Quality Accounts Quality and Performance		
TBC	Annual Update on Health and Wellbeing Strategy	17 October 2022	
TBC – January/July	Public Health Ring Fenced Grant (PHRFG) – Twice Yearly Budget Monitoring	8 July 2022	
TBC	Performance Indicators		
TBC	Annual Update from West Midlands Ambulance Service	27 June 2019	
TBC	Review of the Work Programme		

*Scrutiny of patient flow is a continuation of the Scrutiny Task Group in November 2021

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