

**HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD
14 FEBRUARY 2017****PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF ACUTE
HOSPITAL SERVICES IN WORCESTERSHIRE**

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Priorities

Older people & long term conditions

Mental health & well-being

Obesity

Alcohol

Other (specify below)

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then on down arrow)

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Users of acute hospital
services in
Worcestershire

Groups of particular interest

Children & young people

Communities & groups with poor health outcomes

People with learning disabilities

Yes

Yes

Yes

Safeguarding

Impact on Safeguarding Children

If yes please give details

No

Impact on Safeguarding Adults

If yes please give details

No

Item for Decision, Consideration or Information

Consideration

Recommendation

- 1. The Health and Well-being Board is asked to CONSIDER the report on the Public Consultation on the Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire**

Background

2. Public Consultation on the Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire started on January 6th 2017 and will run for 12 weeks until March 30th 2017. During

the consultation at least 15 drop in sessions will be held in hospitals and community buildings across Worcestershire and South Warwickshire to enable members of the public to find out more about the proposals and make their views known. As this paper was prepared the first six drop in sessions had been held at the Alexandra, Kidderminster, Worcestershire Royal, Malvern and Evesham Hospitals and the Arrow Valley Country Park in Redditch. More than 450 people had visited the stand and spoken to staff. More than 20 meetings with existing groups including those for older people, the disabled, carers and those with long-term conditions, young people and LGBT people had been arranged and more will be arranged throughout the consultation to ensure those most affected by the changes and those in the recognised disadvantaged groups have the opportunity to have their voices heard.

3. After the first three weeks of consultation 633 people had completed the online questionnaire and 450 had attended one of 15 meetings and drop in sessions.

Summary of the Public Consultation on the Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire at the end of week two	
Meetings and drop in sessions	20
Numbers of people attending	565
Number of questionnaires returned	633

4. Areas of concern highlighted at the drop ins and on the questionnaires include transport between the hospital sites and from rural areas to the three hospitals. There is particular concern that there is not a frequent bus service between the Alexandra and Worcestershire Royal Hospitals or a direct bus service between Kidderminster Hospital and the WRH. There is also anxiety about the loss of services from the Alexandra Hospital and the available capacity of the Worcestershire Royal Hospital to cope with the additional workload.

5. A verbal update on the number of people attending drop in sessions and completing the questionnaire will be given at the meeting.

6. The consultation is due to end on March 30th which will be one week into the Local Government election purdah period. No public meetings can be held during purdah and no decisions on future services can be undertaken until after the local elections on May 5th. This gives the programme time to analyse the responses to the consultation in depth. A final report on the consultation will be taken to the three CCG Governing Body meetings at the end of May 2017.

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Director of Public Health) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire Consultation document

Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire Summary Consultation document

Questionnaire