

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

19 JULY 2017

FUTURE OF ACUTE HOSPITAL SERVICES IN WORCESTERSHIRE

Summary

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is to receive an update on the final decision on the Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire and the chosen clinical model for acute hospital services
2. Representatives from the Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire (FoAHSW) Programme Board will be present at the meeting.
3. The decision on the future clinical model for acute hospital services in Worcestershire is due to be taken by the Governing Bodies of NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), NHS South Worcestershire CCG and NHS Wyre Forest CCG, at a Committee in Common on 12 July 2017.
4. The Governing Bodies will consider the Decision Making Business Case, which follows the public consultation on the Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire Programme, and make recommendations on how future services should be delivered.
5. A verbal update from the 12 July CCG Committee in Common will be provided to HOSC members at this meeting.

Background

6. Now in its final stages, the HOSC has maintained a regular overview of the review of acute hospital services in Worcestershire, which was initiated in 2012, prompted by a number of needs, including a lack of doctors specialising in certain services, national evidence that certain services can be provided to a higher standard if they are centralised and the increasing challenge of meeting the needs of an ageing population with more complex and long-term conditions. Minutes of previous HOSC meetings are detailed in the background papers to this report.
7. Public consultation on the proposals ran from 6 January to 30 March 2017. During the 12 week consultation the Clinical Commissioning Groups held conversations with 1,885 people at 61 drop in sessions and events. An online and paper survey was completed by 3,206 people and letters and emails were received from 694 individuals and organisations. The CCGs have considered all the responses and have made recommendations in the Decision Making Business Case in response to concerns raised.

8. Following the Committee in Common of the three Clinical Commissioning Groups the Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire will move into the implementation phase and be led by Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust.

Purpose of the Meeting

9. HOSC Members are asked to:
- Note the verbal update on the final decision on the Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire
 - Consider the scrutiny of the implementation phase.
10. Surrounding area Health Scrutiny Committees have also been invited to attend the meeting, following the HOSC's agreement on 26 September 2016.

Supporting Information

- Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire: Decision Making Business Case – to be considered at the Worcestershire's Clinical Commissioning Groups' Committee in Common (12 July 2017)

A paper copy has been provided for HOSC members, and is also available on the CCG websites, as part of the Board meeting for 12 July 2017:

<http://www.southworceccg.nhs.uk/about-us/meetings1/governing-body-meetings/>

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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:

- Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire Summary Consultation Document Questionnaire - available on the Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire website, under 'documents': <http://worcsfuturehospitals.co.uk/>
- Agendas and Minutes of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4 July, 6 November 2012, 24 January, 25 June and 8 October 2013, 22 January, 22 January, 15 July, 8 October and 5 November 2014, 16 September 2015, 27 April and 19 July and 26 September 2016, 7 February 2017

- Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 18 May 2016

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