

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 JANUARY 2022

CANCER DIAGNOSTICS AND TREATMENT TIMES

Summary

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) requested a report on Cancer Diagnostics and Treatment Wait Times in Worcestershire as part of its Work Programme.
2. Senior Representatives from Herefordshire and Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (HWCCG) and Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust (WAHT) have been invited to attend to provide an update on the current position and answer questions.

Background

3. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee has received regular reports outlining Temporary Service Changes across the NHS (including Cancer Services), and the plans for future provision, including the use of the independent sector.
4. Attached at Appendix 1 is a Cancer Performance Update as at December 2021, which outlines the current Worcestershire position including:
 - Current performance against key cancer standards
 - Actions in place to improve performance and reduce the overall cancer backlog
 - Wider system actions specifically around increasing diagnostic capacity and the elective surgical reconfiguration
 - Ongoing monitoring of cancer outcomes including conversion rates, staging and route to diagnosis, none of which show any significant change outside of normal variation.

Purpose of the Meeting

5. Members are invited to consider and comment on the information discussed and agree:
 - whether any further information or scrutiny is required at this time.

Supporting Information

- Appendix 1 – Cancer Performance Update as at December 2021

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the Proper Officer (in this case the Assistant Director for 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 18 June, 20 July, 30 September, 16 November 2020 and 27 January, 10 March and 19 July 2021.

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