

Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire

Stakeholder Brief – April 2014

Clinical sub groups

The three clinical sub groups – women's and children's, emergency care and planned care, have all met and are continuing to work on refining the models recommended by the Independent Clinical Advisory Group. Their work is due to be completed by the end of May when it will then be financially assured by the finance sub committee. The chair and deputy chair of the Patient, Public and Stakeholder Advisory Group, Colin Beardwood and Margaret Jackson, attend the clinical sub group meetings to ensure that the voice of the patient is taken into account at every stage.

Health Equality Impact Assessment

Mott MacDonald have completed their transport survey. They spent six days interviewing patients and visitors at the Alexandra, Kidderminster and Worcestershire Royal Hospitals and their findings will be included in the final Health Equality Impact Assessment. Key stakeholder groups have been invited to a health equalities impact workshop in May. Their report is due later this summer and will form part of the public consultation.

Assurance

NHS England is due to assure the work which has been done as part of the Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire programme at a strategic sense check meeting in mid May and a pre-consultation assurance panel July before the start of public consultation.

Website

The Future of Acute Hospitals in Worcestershire website address is www.worcsfuturehospitals.co.uk It contains the latest information on the programme.

Update on public consultation

The Programme Board is working towards putting the recommendations from the Independent Clinical Review Panel out to full public consultation in the summer/autumn. During the consultation we want to talk to people at local roadshows and events and to attend as many meetings hosted by local groups and organisations as possible. If you would like us to attend a meeting which you are involved with please contact sarah.makin@ardencsu.nhs.uk and once we know the dates of the consultation we will contact you to see if we can find a suitable date to meet with you. We would also like to send you articles for any magazines you publish. If you have any suitable magazines please e-mail the details to sarah.makin@ardencsu.nhs.uk

The plans for public consultation are being led by an independent Patient and Public Engagement advisory group which consists of local people including patients and politicians.

If you know of anyone else who would like to receive this update or if you no longer wish to receive it please e-mail sarah.makin@ardencsu.nhs.uk