

Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire

Stakeholder Brief

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Programme Board receives proposed clinical model for Worcestershire

The Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire (FoAHSW) Programme Board has unanimously received the proposed clinical model following its approval by the Board's Clinical Sub Committee. The proposed clinical model will now be submitted to the West Midlands Clinical Senate for review.

Joanna Newton, the independent chair of the FoAHSW Programme Board said: "I am pleased the members of the Programme Board have a proposed clinical model for the future of acute hospital services in Worcestershire. We are now focusing on meeting the external checks which need to be undertaken before we can go to public consultation."

The proposed clinical model would see more planned surgery being undertaken at the Alexandra Hospital including the development of Worcestershire-wide centres of excellence for orthopaedics and urology together with a specialist upper gastro-intestinal surgery service. Overnight children's services and consultant-led births in Worcestershire would be centralised at the Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

Detailed work on the proposed clinical model has been undertaken by three task and finish groups whose membership included GPs and hospital clinicians from both within Worcestershire and outside the county. The proposed model was approved by the Clinical Sub Group of the FoAHSW Programme Board earlier this month. It is based on the model put forward by the Independent Reconfiguration Panel in January 2014.

The proposed clinical model will be reviewed by the West Midlands Clinical Senate to ensure it offers clinically sustainable services for Worcestershire. Public consultation on the proposed clinical model will start as soon as NHS England gives its approval to proceed.

The Programme Board has established a Quality and Service Sustainability Sub Committee to monitor the safety of clinical services going forward.

Pre-consultation engagement

The Programme will be carrying out pre-consultation engagement with stakeholders, staff and the public between now and the start of formal consultation. During the pre-consultation engagement members of the Programme team and its partner organisations will be talking to groups and individuals about the proposed clinical model. They will be asking people what advantages and disadvantages they believe the proposed clinical model would bring and what could be done to reduce any disadvantages. If you would like someone from the Programme to come to talk to your group or organisation about the proposed clinical model please contact [Sarah.makin@ardencsu.nhs.uk](mailto:sarah.makin@ardencsu.nhs.uk)

Website

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

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