

# Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire

## Stakeholder Brief

November 2014

### Positive meeting with NHS England

The two accountable officers and representatives from the Acute Trust met with NHS England and the NHS Trust Development Authority earlier this month to present the programme's progress. NHS England and the Trust Development Authority were assured that most of the outstanding actions from the Assurance Check in August had been completed and the others were all on track for completion. NHS England and the NHS TDA were particularly complimentary of the engagement activities which the programme has been able to undertake since August.

### West Midlands Clinical Senate Review

The review of the proposed clinical model by the West Midlands Clinical Senate is underway. A team of 19 expert clinicians and lay representatives from across the country are spending three days talking to GPs and hospital staff, visiting the Alexandra and Worcestershire Royal Hospitals and reviewing the model. We expect to have their report at the beginning of February 2015.

### Public Consultation

The proposed clinical model needs to be reviewed by the West Midlands Clinical Senate before the programme can seek assurance from NHS England that we are ready to go to public consultation on the model. This NHS England Assurance check will not be until the spring therefore the public consultation is likely to start in the summer.

### Pre-consultation engagement

We are undertaking a comprehensive programme of pre-consultation primarily with those groups which will potentially be most affected by the proposals and those representing the nine protected characteristics. More than 50 meetings have been arranged with groups ranging in size from two to 70+. Among the groups that have been engaged are teenage mothers, pregnant women and new mothers, the elderly, people with learning disabilities, individuals with mental health problems, the homeless, gypsies and travellers, representatives from faith groups and groups from the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, carers including young carers and people with disabilities. At each meeting the group is given a brief presentation on the proposed clinical model by a member of the programme team followed by a discussion and question and answer session. Notes are taken at each meeting and these are being analysed and turned into a report which will be submitted to the Programme Board and its patient, Public and Stakeholder Advisory Group. The meetings we have been invited have enabled us to hear from service users who are seldom heard in traditional public consultation arenas.

### Transport

We have established a Transport group under the lay chairmanship of Margaret Jackson. The group consists of transport experts and lay members and it will scrutinise the feedback on transport issues from the pre-consultation engagement meetings and prepare proposals to be considered as part of the public consultation.

### Quality and Service Sustainability Committee

We have established a Quality and Service Sustainability committee under the chairmanship of Mark Wake, Chief Medical Officer of the Acute Trust. The committee's membership includes the Chief Nurses of the three CCGs, hospital clinicians and GP quality leads. The committee is responsible for identifying quality sustainability trigger points and mitigating actions to ensure that existing services remain safe.

**Website**

The Future of Acute Hospitals in Worcestershire website address is [www.worcsfuturehospitals.co.uk](http://www.worcsfuturehospitals.co.uk) It contains the latest information on the programme.

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