

# Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire

## Stakeholder Brief – November 2015

### 1. Progress on the Clinical Model

The West Midlands Clinical Senate has supported the majority of the proposals in the clinical model. However the Senate did not support the detail of the proposed model for emergency care and made a number of recommendations which should be addressed.

In response the Programme Board established an Emergency Care Redesign Group under the chairmanship of Dr Kiran Patel, medical director of NHS England West Midlands, with representatives from CCGs, the acute trust and the ambulance trust. The Emergency Care Redesign group has completed its work and Kiran Patel reported back to the Programme Board. The revised ED model provided details of the inter-relationship of clinical support services with the emergency department at the Alex site. Following lengthy discussions the planned paediatric assessment unit was removed from the model. Dr Patel's report suggested further clarity was required about how children would access emergency services. All hospital consultants and GPs have been given the opportunity to engage and comment on the model and these comments have shaped the final ED model. The report recognises that clinicians have a range of views which can't all be accommodated and given clinical safety issues it is essential that the development of the model progresses.

The Programme Board received the model and noted the divergence of views. Subsequently a further group was established under the chairmanship of Mr Martin Lee, secondary care doctor for both Redditch and Bromsgrove and Wyre Forest CCGs, to ensure the paediatric part of the model addressed the senate's concerns on emergency care for children. The paediatric group will complete its work by the beginning of December when it will be presented to the Programme Board. An outline model has been identified and will be shared with GPs and Consultants. Before completion further discussion is required regarding the configuration and integration of primary care services with ED services.

### 2. Safety of Services

The ongoing safety of clinical services is monitored monthly by the Programme Board's Quality and Service Sustainability sub group. The group has identified trigger points which would lead to recommendations to the statutory bodies (the CCGs and acute trust) to make changes to services. The Programme Board supports the temporary move of maternity and neonatal services from the Alexandra Hospital to Worcestershire Royal Hospital due to patient safety concerns. Safety issues relating to emergency surgery services will be addressed over the coming weeks with the introduction of ambulatory care services.

### 3. Public Consultation

The Programme Board is committed to putting the clinical model out for public consultation and to listening to the views of patients and the public before any formal decisions are made on the future of acute hospital services in Worcestershire.