

Meeting:	Adults and wellbeing scrutiny committee
Meeting date:	Wednesday 23 August 2017
Title of report:	Services commissioned from Wye Valley NHS Trust – quality and sustainability
Report by:	Director for adults and wellbeing

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision

Wards affected

(All Wards)

Purpose and summary

To review the quality and sustainability of services commissioned by the Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) from Wye Valley NHS Trust (WVT) on behalf of the population of Herefordshire.

The information in this report, which has been provided by the CCG and WVT, has previously been shared in public through the public meetings of the CCG's Governing Body and WVT's Board.

To enable the committee to fulfil its function to review and scrutinise the planning, provision and operation of health services (not reserved to the children and young people scrutiny committee) affecting Herefordshire, and to make reports and recommendations on these matters.

Recommendation(s)

That:

(a) the performance of Wye Valley NHS Trust be reviewed;

- (b) **the committee determine any recommendations it wishes to make to the CCG to consider in order to secure improved performance; and**
- (c) **any areas for further scrutiny be identified for inclusion in the committee's work programme.**

Alternative options

1. None. It is open to the committee to review the report and determine whether it wishes to make any recommendations.

Key considerations

2. The committee is asked to consider the information provided by Wye Valley NHS Trust (WVT) and Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) detailed in appendix a, having regard to the following points they wish to make:
 - The information is provided in response to a request from the committee earlier in the year
 - The CCG is the commissioner of the services described in this report and its plans have previously been reviewed by the Health and Wellbeing Board
 - The request from the committee related in particular to seeking assurance in relation to three areas:
 - waiting times (referral to treatment – RTT);
 - A&E performance (measured as 4-hour performance); and
 - financial sustainability.
3. The presentation that accompanies this report covers all of these areas, as well as other areas of particular local and national focus, including the delivery of access targets relating to cancer services, and the system wide focus on improving the pathways of care for people moving through our system, including delayed transfers of care.

Community impact

4. WVT provides a vital service to people across the county and has a significant positive impact both as a provider of health care and also as an employer and corporate member of the Herefordshire community.
5. WVT also provides services to a significant number of people from Powys (around 40,000 people from that area access WVT's acute and community services) and to a smaller number in neighbouring counties (primarily Worcestershire and Shropshire).
6. WVT is working closely with partners across Herefordshire both as part of the "One Herefordshire" partnership, and also as part of wider interests in relation to local business, education and the promotion of health and wellbeing.

Equality duty

7. The CCG as the lead commissioner of services from WVT on behalf of the people of Herefordshire is required to ensure that it is compliant with legal duties relating to equality and diversity. WVT is also bound by this requirement in law and also by relevant clauses within the NHS Standard Contract.
8. The committee's considerations must have regard to equality issues in view of the public sector equality "general duty" to:
 - "eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct ... prohibited by or under this Act;
 - advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it."

Resource implications

9. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.
10. The appended presentation includes a summary of the financial position of WVT.
11. The cost of any committee work in relation to this report will be subject to assessment and expected to be met within existing resources.

Legal implications

12. The council is required to deliver a scrutiny function.
13. Since the creation of the health scrutiny functions under the Health and Social Care Act 2001, local authority scrutiny committees have prioritised issues of health improvement, prevention and tackling health inequalities as areas where they can add value through their work. Through this provision, the committee is enabled to make reports and recommendations to relevant NHS bodies and health service providers. Recommendations may therefore be made by scrutiny to the relevant commissioners of the services for response.
14. Where such a response is requested from the relevant NHS body or health service provider, there is a statutory requirement for the body or provider to provide a response in writing within 28 days of the request.

Risk management

15. There is a reputational risk to the council if the scrutiny function does not operate effectively.
16. Top level risks are highlighted in the presentation attached to this report and are reported in public by both the CCG as the commissioner of services and WVT as the provider.

Consultees

17. None in relation to the recommendations.

18. The information provided in this report was prepared by WVT in conjunction with the CCG.

Appendices

19. Appendix a – presentation from WVT and the CCG

Background papers

20. None identified.