

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>22 NOVEMBER 2010</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>INTERIM TRUST UPDATES</b>
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	<b>HEREFORD HOSPITALS NHS TRUST, NHS HEREFORDSHIRE, WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS TRUST</b>

**CLASSIFICATION:** Open

## **Wards Affected**

County-wide.

## **Purpose**

To receive an interim update from Hereford Hospitals NHS Trust, West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust and NHS Herefordshire.

## **Introduction and Background**

1. Full updates from the Chief Executive of each Trust to provide assurance to the Committee are made to every other meeting. At meetings when a full update report is not presented the Committee receives a report containing updates or outstanding information from the previous meeting, any urgent or very topical information and any other information that the Trusts feel should be drawn to the Committee's attention.
2. **Hereford Hospitals NHS Trust:** The Trust has no additional information to submit.
3. **West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust:** The Trust has no additional information to submit.
4. **NHS Herefordshire:**

The Integrated Care Organisation (ICO) proposal was submitted to the *Cooperation and Competition Panel (CCP)* on 4 August 2010 to trigger the *CCP* review process for proposed mergers between NHS-funded healthcare providers. The purpose of this process is to ensure that the proposal is in the best interests of patients and taxpayers, the *CCP* process tests the proposal in terms of its impact on choice for patients & provider market contestability.

Notification was received from the *CCP* on 9 November 2010 that the proposal will be considered under their 'fast track' process which elapses over 10 days. This is the initial phase of a number of statutory processes that need to be undertaken in order

to establish the new organisation in formal governance terms.

Further phases include the *MONITOR* process to establish the organisation as a Foundation Trust from 2013 following a full shadow year from April 2011, the formal statutory process to vary the terms of Hereford Hospitals NHS Trust's Establishment Order to provide wider range and location of services and the Care Quality Commission re-registration process.

These processes may be running concurrently in order to meet the required timescale set out by the Department of Health for Primary Care Trusts to divest their Provider Services organisations and for all remaining NHS Trusts to become Foundation Trusts.

### **Background Papers**

- None identified.