

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>5 MARCH 2012</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>OVERVIEW OF HEALTHCARE IN HEREFORDSHIRE</b>
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	

**CLASSIFICATION:** Open

## **Wards Affected**

County-wide

## **Purpose**

To consider the future of healthcare in Herefordshire as part of a discussion with the Wye Valley NHS Trust, the Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and the West Mercia PCT Cluster.

## **Recommendation**

**THAT** the report be noted.

## **Introduction and Background**

In recent months the Committee has received a number of performance reports from the Wye Valley NHS Trust (WVNHST), the Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (HCCG) and the West Mercia PCT Cluster.

In recent weeks a number of significant changes have occurred which the Committee would wish to understand and explore more fully:

- 1 The changes to national commissioning support arrangements and how these affect Herefordshire health services.
- 2 The change from a West Mercia cluster interim model to a Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Arden model and how this change will affect and/or improve the delivery of services in Herefordshire, and whether as informally advised, the new cluster is likely to be formulated as a commissioning outpost in advance of April 2013.
- 3 The current financial position of WVNHST and whether the concerns expressed publicly are real. Whether either in its present form or an amended model, WVNHST can sustain an appropriate service level both now, and for a future Herefordshire with a significantly increased economic base both in terms of industry and people. We would like to know what plans are under development and the timescale for delivery in this respect.

## Background Papers

- None identified.