

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>28 AUGUST 2012</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>NHS MIDLANDS AND EAST STROKE SERVICES REVIEW</b>
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	<b>HEAD OF GOVERNANCE</b>

**CLASSIFICATION:** Open

### **Wards Affected**

County-wide

### **Purpose**

To consider the arrangements for a review of stroke services.

### **Recommendation(s)**

**THAT: the Committee**

- (a) considers the arrangements for the Stroke Review;**
- (b) notes the 6 week opportunity to be engaged in the shaping local responses to the best practice specification;**
- (c) comments on the high level criteria which will inform the External Expert Advisory Group recommendations.**

### **Introduction and Background**

- 1 The NHS Midlands and East Regional Strategic Health Authority Cluster (NHSME) was formed from the three former Strategic Health Authorities: NHS East Midlands, NHS West Midlands and NHS East of England. It is one of the four clusters that will manage the NHS until April 2013. The NHSME Board has agreed to undertake a major review of stroke services to establish the means to make a step change improvement in stroke care across the Cluster.
- 2 A copy of the report prepared by the Cluster for circulation to OSCs across the NHSME Region is appended.
- 3 The report
  - summarises the arrangements for reviewing stroke services across NHSME in 2012/13;

- draws attention to the opportunity over the summer in shaping options for how the service can deliver a step change improvement in stroke care
- seeks comment on the high level criteria against which recommendations will be made about delivery of a step change improvement in stroke care.

### **Director for People's Services Comment**

- 4 The Director for People's Services comments that from a local and council perspective she would be keen to ensure the local engagement of public health, adult social care and the third sector in the end to end pathway in Herefordshire. It is essential for the success of stroke services that individuals, families, carers, communities and partners are constructively engaged so that they can play their part in prevention, re-ablement and care and support at home. It will also be important that the challenges of rurality, and the issues for Herefordshire in terms of population and demographics are considered as part of the regional approach.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 - NHS Midlands and East Stroke Services Review – Stroke Review – achieving a step change improvement in stroke care.

Appendix 2 Proposed high level criteria against which External Expert Advisory Group will consider options.

## **Background Papers**

- None identified.