



# Title of report: Wye Valley Trust Winter Plan 2025/26

**Meeting: Health, Care, and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee**

**Meeting date: Monday 27 October 2025**

**Report by: Statutory Scrutiny Officer**

## **Classification**

Open

## **Decision type**

This is not an executive decision

## **Wards affected**

(All Wards);

## **Purpose**

This report and its appendices provide information to support the Health, Care, and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's scrutiny of Wye Valley Trust's Winter Plan 2025/26.

## **Recommendation(s)**

**That:**

- a) **The committee prepares any questions and determines any other actions or recommendations it may seek to make.**

## **Alternative options**

1. As this report is for information only, it presents no alternative options. The Health, Care, and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee has agreed to assist (as per their Terms of Reference) with considering Wye Valley Trust's Winter Plan 2025/26.

## **Key considerations**

2. The Health, Care, and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee has a remit to scrutinise the Wye Valley Trust's Winter Plan in relation to how the Trust and system partners will prepare for and manage increased seasonal pressures across urgent and emergency care, primary care, and

community services. The plan focuses on ensuring patient flow, safeguarding hospital capacity, reducing ambulance handover delays, and supporting timely discharge through integrated health and social care pathways. It also incorporates learning from previous winters, aligns with national NHS England guidance, and sets out measures for workforce resilience, infection prevention, and maintaining quality of care during periods of high demand.

3. The members of the Health, Care, and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee agreed that this item be brought to the committee on 27 October 2025 to consider this topic. Attached as Appendix 1 to this report are slides that detail the trust's winter plan for the period 2025-26.

### **Community impact**

4. As this report is for information only, it contains no assessment of community impact. However, any recommendation made by the committee, if agreed by Cabinet or a portfolio holder, may have an impact on the Wye Valley Trust's Winter Plan 2025/26. In this case, Cabinet or a portfolio holder will have to consider these potential impacts when deciding whether to accept the recommendation.

### **Environmental Impact**

5. This report contains no direct environmental impacts. However, any recommendations made by the committee, if agreed by the appropriate decision-making body, may have direct impacts. Reports arising from or supporting this work will outline their potential environmental impact.

### **Equality duty**

6. In producing this report, officers have been mindful of their duties under the Equality Act 2010 and Disability Discrimination Act 1995. The report and appendices are written in plain English and laid out clearly to maximise readability.
7. Although the reports themselves only provide information, they may result in recommendations to Cabinet or a portfolio holder for action. In agreeing those recommendations, Cabinet or the portfolio holder will need to consider the impact of those recommendations on the council's equalities' duties.

### **Resource implications**

8. As this report provides information only, it has no resource implications. However, any recommendation made by the committee, if agreed by Cabinet or a portfolio holder, may create a resource implication. In this case, Cabinet or a portfolio holder will have to consider that resource implication when deciding whether to accept the recommendation.

### **Risk management**

9. As this report is for information only, it contains no risk assessment. However, any recommendation made by the committee, if agreed by Cabinet or a portfolio holder, may create

a resource implication. In this case, Cabinet or a portfolio holder will have to consider that resource implication when deciding whether to accept the recommendation.

## Consultees

10. No consultations were carried out in the process of producing this report.

## Appendices

Appendix 1 – Wye Valley Trust Winter Plan 2025/26 slides

Appendix 2 – Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System 2025-26 Winter Plan

## Background papers

None identified.

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