

Leader's Announcements

Current performance issues within Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust:

- David Nicholson hugely helpful to the Trust
- Performance issues almost entirely related to flow - will be addressed by investment
- Some elective work moved to The Alex, Kidderminster as per FOAHSW model
- Cancer - improvement up until end of year. Dip this year - because of national issue - will improve by October
- A and E not improving yet although different ambulatory models implemented
- Paediatric service consultant led post centralisation

- Frailty unit at the Alex being expanded

- No interim Exec left - chief operating officer being appointed and announcement imminent
- Modelling takes into account future projection growth - for 10 years

- Working hard through neighbourhood teams to address / prevent demand
- Discharge across boundaries is a big issue

- Update on CQC reports
 - March inspection - didn't look at all services. Alex - surgery and outpatients only services rated inadequate so continued areas of concern - responsiveness of service and safe domain. Lots of other services improved – Alex urgent care, medical care, diagnostic imaging, paediatrics all now requires improvement as a result of these reviews.

 - Previously big backlog of serious incident review – none overdue now

 - Response to complaints - improved performance – backlog cleared and target met for 4 months

- Financial sustainability
 - Significant deficit - medium term financial strategy being developed.

 - Benchmarked other trusts - back office services is lean. Estates and clinical staff are more expensive

- Have reduced spend on agency staff. Also making sure have the right skill mix.
- 6% saving target this year
- Deficit 50 - 60m - total accumulated deficit 199m.
- Update on £29m investment – how much of this has been invested / planned to be invested in the Alex site
 - Early draw down £3m to build bridge at Worcester site - so that acute patients can be put in Aconbury
 - £8m to do beds in Worcester - this has been reprogrammed as it was originally planned to do beds last - 2 years ahead of timescale
 - Treasury controlling the purse strings. Once the £29m is spent the health sector will have enough capacity to cope with demand from Worcestershire
 - Ambulance trust has algorithms which show them which hospital to go to
 - Parking at the WRH will be addressed as part of the 29m
- Other issues
 - Travelling / transport to WRH - transport not really used when was put in place on a temporary basis. No plans to reinstate this.
- What are the plans for the future of the Alex site
 - £8.1m allocated (out of £29m) for the Alex - theatres and endoscopy - still to be approved through final business case. Includes sign off by contractors - within next 4 weeks

WMCA

I attended the latest WMCA Board meeting and continue to represent the interests of Redditch at these meetings.