

Worcestershire County Council  
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2022

The trust has introduced a scheme of interdisciplinary Discharge Cells that aim to discharge patients the same day or where possible the next day before 12am. At present the Alex is discharging 30% pre 12:00, the Alex is performing better than the Royal.

Ambulance service is dealing with fewer patients as 111 is getting better at directing caller to alternative facilities and there are less 999 calls. A Patient Tracker system is showing strong benefits but there are still time differences between areas.

The WCC Intermediate Care Team is being made permanent to help with patient discharge but there are problems with recruiting staff.

The time a patient is in care starts with the first contact, this may be the ambulance paramedic but then all departments are involved up to the time the patient is discharged home with or without assistance.

When asked about the night-time economy it was suggested that there was no real evidence of an increase in drink related admissions to A&E, the concern was mental health concerns as this appeared to be on the increase.

The Ring-fenced Grant for 2022/23 was showing a small percentage increase to £30,364,907 that was being spent on a range of 26 items from sexual health to birth defect prevention. *The full list can be made available.* The reserves of £8M need to be spent on improving health. There is a 3 year plan.

The debate on Dental Health revolved around the relation or non-relation between NHS and private. The NHS contract was introduced in 2006 and most dentists can not survive on the payments from the NHS so are going totally private. It was not common knowledge that there is free dentistry with some benefits. *May be worth making this known to our eligible constituents.*

This was a three hour meeting so this can only be a snap shot of what was said but as always if more detail is required the official minutes are published on the county website.