

Worcestershire HOSC 09/05/22

As is usual the committee held a pre-meeting at which there was some concern about the influence of the committee.

The meeting started with work on the work programme.

The Covid restrictions and ambulance delays were mentioned as was the extra 21 beds in MIU and that 50% of patients were being discharged before 10:00 o'clock.

Hospital problems stem from the recruitment of both medical and nursing staff. To alleviate this there was an international recruitment drive. This led to a discussion on patient flow the committee was informed that the data was available on the internet. Once more the staff shortages were given for the delays even so it was suggested that Worcester Trust was included in the best.

The committee was reminded that the Alex was being organised for selective treatment while the royal was established for emergencies. This was a system for all NHS improvements. Health Watch explained that national solutions are required not necessarily minor local changes.

The discussion on the Maternity service implied that there was a problem but that there was data available for the service. There are 19 midwives and some 14 other support staff required.

The final item was on dementia were there was some delay because of covid but strategies were in place to move forwards.