

Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

This is likely to be the shortest report ever as the majority of the time was taken up with a visit to the new Emergency Department.

The first part of the meeting was to discuss the poor handover rates but was taken over by discussion on an unannounced CQC inspection that had taken place from the 21 to 23 November. Although the CQC inspection report is not due until Jan/Feb, there were no immediate safety concerns identified during the inspection.

The main area of discussion was the new facilities where it was suggested that as ambulances will be redirected there would be an improvement. The Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Chief Executive did say that at present it was “not good enough” and more work was necessary to bring the hospitals up to an acceptable level.

There followed a general question session on the Minor Injury Units and patient discharge.

We then split into two groups and visited the new A&E, part of which was due to be opened on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December.