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DEVELOPING HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE: RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 To consider and agree response to the consultation '*Keeping it in the County – Securing the Future of Hospital Services in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin*' which has been undertaken by Shropshire County Primary Care Trust, Telford and Wrekin NHS and the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust.

2.0 Recommendation

Members consider and agree final response to consultation attached in draft at Appendix E *to follow*.

REPORT

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) met on 8 October 2010 to consider proposals to consult on initial ideas to help to determine the future configuration of hospital services following a clinical problem-solving workshop held on 10 August 2010. After further work, including a second clinical workshop and assessment by an Assurance Panel (attended by the Joint Chairmen as observers) set up by Shropshire Primary Care Trust and NHS Telford & Wrekin, options on which to consult were considered by the JHOSC on 13 December. The interim response of the JHOSC following that meeting is set out at Appendix A.

4.0 Developments to Date

- 4.1 Since January, the Joint Chairmen have received, considered and responded to a number of communications from the public with regard to loss of Maternity and Paediatric Services at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH). Questions and issues raised were forwarded on to SaTH for answers.
- 4.2 The Joint Chairmen have attended a number of the SaTH and PCT public events, and a seminar for Councillors at Shropshire Council. They have visited both the Maternity Unit at the RSH and the proposed area for Women's and Children's Services at the Princess Royal Hospital (PRH) (notes of the visits are attached at Appendix B). During these visits, they have talked to staff and received information on A&E attendances for children under 16 indicating there was little attendance between 11 pm and 7 am. There have also been discussions with West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) on the 'Make Ready' system. In addition, they have attended seminars and listened to discussions to hear of positive plans for the future in Shropshire of Trauma Care, Vascular Surgery and AAA Screening. Information and evidence was also produced on progress with development of clinical pathways.

5. Assurance Panel

- 5.1 The Joint Chairmen attended a further meeting of the Assurance Panel on 28 February to observe and assess whether the assurance process has been sufficiently transparent and robust. The report of the Assurance Panel will be made available to the JHOSC.

6 Further Information Requested

- 6.1 Having assessed all the information that has been made available, a summary of issues identified through the JHOSC process to date is set out at Appendix C. Further clarification and evidence has been requested from SaTH, the PCT, WMAS and the SHA and this is set out in the table at Appendix D.

7. Next Steps

- 7.1 The Trust Boards will meet during the daytime on Thursday 24 March to consider the outcome of the consultation and proposals put forward. There then follows a meeting of the JHOSC on the evening of 24 March to consider the Trust Boards final decisions and it is at this stage the JHOSC will consider those decisions and whether or not proposals approved by the Trust Boards should be referred to the Secretary of State.
- 7.2 If the proposals are agreed, the JHOSC have requested plans for implementation and will be monitoring developments and progress.

8. Response to Consultation

- 8.1 In light of information contained in this report and further information to be made available at the meeting, the Joint Committee is asked to consider the draft response to the consultation set out at Appendix E.
- 8.2 Members may wish to delegate to the Scrutiny Officers, in consultation with the Joint Chairmen, completion of the final response for submission, copied to all Members of the Joint Committee.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Consultation document *Keeping it in the County*

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998.

Environmental Appraisal

N/A

Risk Management Appraisal

Risks associated with proposals have been identified by the Trusts and further work to mitigate is ongoing.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

A series of public consultation meetings on the proposals has been held by Shropshire County NHS PCT, Telford and Wrekin NHS and The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust

Cabinet Member: N/A

Local Member: All Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Councillors

Appendix

Appendix A: Interim response of the Committee - 13 December 2010

Appendix B: Notes of Hospital Visits

Appendix C: Summary of Issues identified by the JHOSC process

Appendix D: Further information requested.

Appendix E: Draft Response to Consultation *to follow*