

SHROPSHIRE AND TELFORD AND WREKIN
JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 10 MAY 2018
ITEM 5
FUTURE FIT CONSULTATION 2018 – NEXT STEPS
PROPOSED APPROACH FOR JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW
AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Summary

This report presents members of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) with the proposed approach to be taken during the Future Fit consultation and outline plan of the work and meetings during the consultation period.

Recommendations

- A. Joint HOSC is asked to consider and comment on the programme in the table below outlining the timescale for the report and recommendations on the Future Fit Programme Consultation.

Report

1. Any decisions regarding permanent changes to service configuration are subject to consultation with Joint HOSC and with the public. The Joint HOSC will also take a view on the consultation, and how it has been carried out.
2. Joint HOSC has previously agreed that any proposed changes to services which constitute reconfiguration (i.e. changing where or whether a service is provided in the future) would amount to a substantial variation in service requiring formal consultation with the Committee. What constitutes ‘substantial variation or development’ is not defined in legislation. It is a matter for local agreement between the NHS and the relevant HOSC.
3. Joint HOSC has a duty to respond to any NHS body making proposals for substantial variation to services, having considered the proposals and the evidence, including considering the consultation process.
4. Joint HOSC is therefore asked to undertake a detailed review of the proposals and have a particular focus on the consultation plan and how the consultation is carried out, in order to prepare a report and recommendations in response. Feedback and reports will be provided at the mid-point review and following the completion of the consultation by the CCGs. This will involve seeking a range of views on the proposals from NHS organisations, clinicians, key patient/public representatives and other stakeholders and reviewing key documentary evidence.

5. Joint HOSC is asked to consider the programme in the table below outlining the timescale for the report and recommendations on the Future Fit Programme Consultation. Some of the timescales will be established over the coming weeks as plans are confirmed. *Key lines of inquiry need to be agreed.
- JHOSC will take written and oral evidence at meetings in June and July.
 - In September 2018 Joint HOSC will agree its report and recommendations to be submitted to the CCGs.
 - During October/ November 2018 Joint HOSC will review the CCGs' decisions to assess whether they believe they are in the best interests of the people of Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin.

JHOSC Meeting	Purpose	Date (proposed/ TBC)	Agenda published
JHOSC meets formally with CCGs	To comment on the CCGs' plans for public consultation	10 May 2018	2 May 2018
CCGs' public consultation period starts (lasts 12 weeks)		30 May 2018 (expected)	
Deadline for submission of written evidence for HOSC's first evidence gathering session		(10 days before next meeting)	
Shropshire HOSC and Telford and Wrekin HOSC to attend consultation events and provide other feedback to be shared at the first evidence gathering session.			
JHOSC first evidence gathering session	JHOSC meets to consider written and oral evidence from witnesses.	30 June 2018	
JHOSC share feedback with the CCG on the first phase of the consultation			
Mid-point Review			
Deadline for submission of written evidence for the second evidence gathering session		(10 days before next meeting)	
Shropshire HOSC and Telford and Wrekin HOSC to attend consultation events and provide other feedback to be shared at the second evidence gathering session.			
JHOSC second evidence gathering session	JHOSC meets to consider further written and oral evidence from witnesses.	30 July 2018	
CCGs' public consultation period ends		30 August 2018	
JHOSC agrees its response to CCGs' consultation	JHOSC meets to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • formally receive independent report on consultation findings and process. • agree the JHOSC's report and recommendations to be formally submitted to the CCGs ahead of their decision on the future of the service. 	30 Sept 2018	
CCGs' decision-making phase			
JHOSC considers CCGs' decision	JHOSC meets to review CCGs' decisions – to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consideration of CCGs' response to JHOSC recommendations • consideration of whether 	October/ November 2018	

	decisions ‘are in best interests of the health service in the area’. If not, potential for referral to Secretary of State for Health following local mediation.		
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