

Wolverhampton City Council

OPEN INFORMATION ITEM

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Title **MID STAFFORDSHIRE FOUNDATION TRUST**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- That the Board note the report, form their own opinion and respond to the public consultation.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Trust Special Administrator for Mid Staffordshire Foundation Trust has concluded their initial investigation and has now launched a formal consultation on the future of Mid Staffs Foundation Trust.

2.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 None identified.

3.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no legal implications for Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group.

4.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None identified.

The Trust Special Administrator (TSA) has concluded that Mid Staffs Foundation Trust is not clinically or financially viable in the long term.

The proposals of the TSA are currently out to formal consultation which closes on 1 October 2013. The current consultation deals with services for Stafford and Cannock patients only. Any changes for Wolverhampton patients will need to be subject to a separate consultation at a later stage.

Cannock Chase Hospital

The current proposal sets out a plan which proposes the transfer of Cannock Chase Hospital to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust. It is proposed that Cannock Chase Hospital will deliver locality specific services as set out by the Commissioners to include out patients, diagnostics and anti and post natal care. Also provided at Cannock Chase will be a rehabilitation ward and a centre for care of the elderly.

New Cross Hospital

The TSA solution recommends the transfer of some activity currently delivered on the Stafford site to New Cross. This is to include paediatrics, obstetrics and some emergency services. The current proposal maintains a daytime A&E service at Mid Staffs Hospital.

Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

Wolverhampton CCG welcomes the transfer of Cannock Chase Hospital to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and sees that there is a possible opportunity to enhance clinical services provided to patients. Following the problems at Mid Staffs, The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust has already seen an increase in activity from South Staffordshire. The CCG believes that managing both the growth in activity from outside the Wolverhampton area whilst ensuring that any opportunities to access capital and revenue support for the project provides the best opportunity to enhance clinical services provided for the residents of Wolverhampton.

Both developing the New Cross and Cannock sites to their full potential and ensuring appropriate services are delivered at each site can be seen as an opportunity to provide significantly improved facilities and to future-proof our local hospital.

Wolverhampton CCG plans to work with neighbouring CCGs and to ensure that the development of services is clinically led during the on-going process.