



# Health and Wellbeing Board

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| <b>Report Title</b>                            | Urgent Care Strategy - Update                     |  |
| <b>Cabinet Member with Lead Responsibility</b> | Councillor Sandra Samuels<br>Health and Wellbeing |  |
| <b>Wards Affected</b>                          | All   |  |
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## Recommendations for noting:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note and comment on:

1. The progress that has been made since the last report in November 2013
2. The outcome of the three month patient consultation process
3. The process to secure sign off of the final Joint Urgent and Emergency Care Strategy
4. The process to monitor the implementation of the Strategy
5. The Equality Analysis for the urgent and emergency care proposals is brought to a future meeting of the Board.

and to provide feedback on when the Health and Wellbeing Board would require further updates on the implementation of the strategy

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress since presenting the draft Urgent and Emergency Care Strategy to this Board in November 2013, prior to going out to public consultation.

## **2.0 Background**

The Draft Joint Urgent and Emergency Care Strategy was initially presented to Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Governing Body back in May 2013. The Governing Body supported the principles behind the strategy but required the support of Health and Well-being Board before it was signed off.

The revised version of the strategy was presented and supported by Health and Well-being Board and Health Scrutiny in/around November 2013.

A three month public consultation commenced in Dec 2013, concluding in March 2014. On 8 April 14, CCG Governing body accepted the communications and engagement report which; set out the methodology of the urgent care consultation; the level of public support for the strategy and; gave the CCG and Urgent Care Working Group (UCWG) themed insight into patient worry areas which will be built into our implementation plans.

## **3.0 Progress, options, discussion, etc.**

The draft Joint Urgent and Emergency Care Strategy has now been finalised with the only major changes being the reflection on the engagement process and the implications locally from the Sir Bruce Keogh review found within the publication ““Transforming urgent and emergency care services in England – DH 2013”. Minor changes included changes in tense.

The Joint Urgent and Emergency Care Strategy was approved at the Urgent Care Working Group on 13/06/14. It is on the agenda for RWT Trust Board for sign off on 30/06/14 and CCG Governing Body on 08/07/14.

Once approved, it will be publicly available.

## **4.0 Financial implications**

- 4.1 The Health & Well-Being Board are requested to note the following potential implications:

The Joint Urgent and Emergency Care Strategy outlines the overarching vision for the system. There is no additional resource available therefore the system described within the strategy has to be delivered within the existing financial envelope.

However, the vision requires large scale system change required by more than one organisation simultaneously. To mitigate against this, the Urgent Care Working Group will monitor activity and progress across organisations.

Due to the scale of change it may be difficult to predict the activity numbers of patients who are likely to use the services in future

Financial implications may arise, especially if demand continues to increase at its current rate.

## **5.0 Legal implications**

- 5.1 The system change detailed within the strategy will require the CCG to follow stringent procurement processes in line with current guidelines.

## **6.0 Equalities implications**

- 6.1 An equality analysis has been undertaken and is currently in draft form pending the inclusion of local data on interpreting and language support. The assessment for the proposed changes was that "the demographic information available suggests that the health inequality gap between different groups is unlikely to be widened by the proposals". The analysis also includes 21 recommendations for the Health economy in Wolverhampton relating to strategic and operational matters. It is suggested that the Board consider the equality analysis at a future meeting

## **7.0 Environmental implications**

- 7.1 The environmental implications will arise from the building of a new Emergency and Urgent Care Centre on the Acute Trust site at New Cross Hospital. The Acute Trust have submitted a Full Business Case to the Trust Development Agency (TDA) which includes a full environmental impact assessment. The TDA have approved the new build

## **8.0 Human resources implications**

- 8.1 Transfer of Undertakings for the Protection of Employment (TUPE) will apply for those staff currently working on existing contracts where services will be affected by the changes