

**6 January 2013****Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****SHERWOOD FOREST HOSPITALS FOUNDATION TRUST****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide further briefing on the work of Sherwood Forest Hospitals Foundation Trust.

**Information and Advice**

2. Paul O'Connor, the new Chief Executive of Sherwood Forest Hospitals Foundation Trust last attended the Health Scrutiny Committee on 4 November. Mr O'Connor explained how in September 2012 the Trust was found to be significant breach of its terms of authorisation and in April 2013 was found to be in breach of its licence. This meant that its freedom to operate as an autonomous body had effectively been suspended.
3. If the Trust does not make sufficient progress under Monitor (the hospital regulator's) requirements then Monitor may enact its failure regime. Monitor would then consider how best to "protect and promote the needs of those who need to access healthcare" Under the discretionary requirements of Board and Quality Governance and Financial Governance progress was judged to be 'Good' as at May 2013 (but in the case of Financial Governance, delivery may take months or years). The Trust is currently on target, as at October 2013, with regard to actions following the Keogh Rapid Response Review and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection.
4. Members requested Mr O'Connor return to this meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee to provide briefing on the current position in relation to the regulatory requirements on the Trust.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- i) Receives the briefing from the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust and asks questions as necessary
- ii) Schedules further consideration as necessary

**Councillor Kate Foale**  
**Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee**

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**Background Papers**

Nil

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All