

20 July 2015

Agenda Item: 5

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

SHERWOOD FOREST HOSPITALS TRUST – WINTER PRESSURES

Purpose of the Report

1. To allow Members to consider Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's planning for winter pressures.

Information and Advice

2. Members will be aware that severe winter conditions can result in Emergency Department closures, cancelled operations, bed pressures and ambulance delays. This is because cold weather can affect the health of the elderly, the very young and the chronically ill – greatly increasing the number of hospital attendances and admissions
3. Winter pressures are unpredictable and therefore present acute trusts with considerable difficulty when it comes to putting in place effective planning.
4. Sue Barnett, Interim Chief Operating Officer at Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee to brief Members and answer questions as necessary. In addition, a written briefing from the Interim Divisional Manager for Emergency Care and Medicine is attached as an appendix to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the Health Scrutiny Committee considers and comments on the information provided.
- 2) That further consideration of these issues be scheduled, as necessary.

Councillor Colleen Harwood
Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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