

15 July 2013**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****MORTALITY RATES AT SHERWOOD FOREST HOSPITALS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To introduce a briefing on mortality rates at Sherwood Forest Hospitals as a potential subject for a Scrutiny Review.

Information and Advice

2. Dr Amanda Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer for the Mansfield/Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group, previously attended the Health Scrutiny Committee on 18 March 2013 when she provided a briefing on the numbers of people being treated at Newark Hospital's minor injuries unit, set against the numbers of those who transfer to the Kings Mill and other hospitals; mortality rates and transfer figures of those treated in Newark and the surrounding areas and a list of the clinics provided at the Newark Hospital.
3. Dr Sullivan will attend this meeting of the Health Scrutiny meeting to provide a briefing to the new membership of the Committee on mortality rates within the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust and to answer questions. A written briefing from Dr Sullivan is attached to this report as an appendix. Members are requested to receive the briefing and then undertake detailed questioning of Dr Sullivan.
4. Following this briefing, Members will determine if the issue warrants raises concern to warrant a full Scrutiny Review. A Scrutiny Review would involve gathering substantial evidence on this subject and ultimately producing a final report with evidence-based recommendations.
5. If this subject is to be proceeded with as a Scrutiny Review, Members will wish to decide how the review will be undertaken. Reviews may typically be undertaken a) as part of the normal agenda of the committee b) by way of sub-committee (a politically proportionate group of Members meeting in public) c) by way of a study group (a small group of interested Members meeting and taking evidence in private). However the review is conducted, all Members of the Committee will have the opportunity to comment on and amend the final report and to agree the recommendations.
6. Members may already be aware that Sir Bruce Keogh, the medical director of the NHS, is currently conducting an investigation into mortality rates at 14 trusts,

including Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The Chairman has written to Sir Bruce Keogh highlighting the committee's concerns regarding mortality rates.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- i) receive the briefing on mortality rates and ask questions as necessary
- ii) determine if this matter should be the subject of a Scrutiny Review
- iii) indicate how the review will be undertaken

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All