

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2016

QUALITY OF CARE/REVIEW OF COMMUNITY HOSPITALS

REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR

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(The decisions on this matter will be resolutions)

1. PURPOSE

To give consideration to health service provision in the District.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee considers the information provided at the meeting and such further action as Members may consider appropriate.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. At the last meeting, during consideration of its Work Programme, the Committee resolved that arrangements be made for a special meeting to be held to consider concerns expressed regarding the withdrawal of maternity services from the Horton Hospital in Banbury, the impending review of community hospital provision in the County and its potential impact upon the Witney Hospital and the decision to close the Deer Park Surgery in Witney. (Minute No E&S/33.2/2016/20-17 refers)
- 3.2. Arrangements were duly made and invitations have been sent to the Chief Executive of the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, the Chief Executive of the Clinical Commissioning Board, and to Dr Raj Kohli, senior partner at the Deer Park Surgery.
- 3.3. Witney Town Council and representatives of the Deer Park Surgery Patients Forum have also been advised of the meeting.
- 3.4. At the time of writing, Dr Kohli has confirmed that he will attend, accompanied by Helen Kershaw, Business Unit Head from VirginCare. Graham Shelton, the Chairperson of the Public Engagement Forum of the CCG, will also be present.
- 3.5. The Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group will be represented by Catherine Mountford and the Chief Executive of the Group has written in response to the concerns expressed by the Council. A copy of his letter is attached as Appendix A.

4. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

In accordance with the Constitution of the Council, the Committee has the power to investigate any matters it considers relevant to its work area, and to make recommendations to the Council, the Executive or any other Committee or Sub-Committee of the Council as it sees fit.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

6. REASONS

A review of health service provision in the District accords with the Council's objective to meet the current and future needs of residents.

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Background Papers
None