



To: Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)

Date: 11th February 2015.

Subject: Winter Pressures

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust (UHCW), Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Council's Adult Social Care Service have been invited to the meeting to provide the Board with an update on how they are coping with winter pressures and what mitigations are being put in place to alleviate pressure pinch points.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board are recommended to note this Briefing Note.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Following national coverage of Winter Pressures, the Board have invited in local partners to discuss the current issues.
- 3.2 This includes UHCW, who as one of the largest secondary and tertiary care providers in the Midlands plays a pivotal role in the local health economy. Its designation as a Regional Trauma Centre has formalised a developing trend in the development of its services, with patients suffering from severe trauma from a wide area now being sent to the site.
- 3.3 This winter has seen a number of acute Trusts struggle to cope with the impact of the colder weather, despite it being a milder winter than is often experienced. The weather, along with, increases in general illness, additional falls etc with older patients means they have regularly failed to meet the national 95% target that patients attending A&E are to be seen and treated in 4 hours or less.
- 3.4 The CCG, which buys the area's health services, have also been invited to provide details of action they are taking to improve the situation in Coventry.
- 3.5 Adult Social Care will also be present to discuss their role in maintaining flow through the system, particularly in relation to speed of discharge from hospital.

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