Acute Services Review: Coventry and Warwickshire

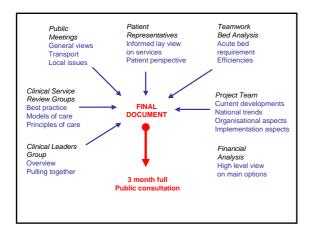
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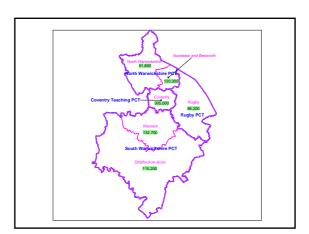
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Setting the scene

- Population 825,000 in C&W
 - Many localities this size would have two major acute centres rather than three, as we do, but a similar number of hospitals in total (five)
 - We are only just large enough to support our tertiary services like cardiac, transplant, and neurosurgery, in C&W
- Hospitals
 - A prestigious new hospital, University Hospital, will open on the Walsgrave site in July 06 one of the best equipped hospitals in Europe

Why plan and work as a 'health economy'

- Equity of service provision
- Access to specialised services for all
- Best use of trained staff, other resource
- Need to operate within financial envelope
- Links with commissioning arrangements

Drivers for change

- Wider NHS
 - White Paper, Payment by Results (PBR), Choice, Independent Sector (IS) involvement
 - Commissioner-led focus
- FT, financial issues
 - UHCW / PFI
 - Current financial position
- · Service sustainability
 - Staffing, junior doctor training
- · Changing clinical models of care

The wider NHS

- Foundation Trusts
- White Paper
 - Shift from hospital to community
 - A&E departments and Walk In Centres
- Balancing the benefits of centralising services with the need to support local service provision
- Ambulatory care
- Patient Choice, Payment by Results, Independent Sector, and competition
- Move from an 'acute illness' to a 'chronic disease management' model of care
- A 'Commissioner-led' focus

Clinical factors

- · Changing models of care
 - eg cardiac, stroke
- Staffing and training, effect of European Working Time Regulations
- Patient expectation
- General versus specialist care
 - increasing monospecialists
- Staffing mix and non-medical clinical staff
- · Traditional 'on call' rotas
 - Consultant-delivered (rather than 'led')
- New arrangements for emergency medicine services in hospitals
 - A&E / acute medicine links, more senior 'front end'

NHS Confederation

 "the future is about networked hospitals operating as part of local integrated health systems, rather than struggling individual hospitals operating in isolation"

Outcomes

- Need to reduce number of beds in our acute hospitals
- Need to share services (and costs) much more
- Healthcare will be much less hospital based in the future
- Ambulatory services are increasing fast, and will be local
 eg out patients, diagnostics, day surgery
- Many highly complex, specialised services will be central
 - eg major trauma, major surgery, specialist in-patient paediatrics

