

<b>Report To and Date:</b>	Warwickshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) 22 January 2025
<b>Report Title:</b>	South Warwickshire Community Hospital Rehabilitation Bed Consultation
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<b>Previous Considerations and Engagement:</b>	<p>Updates provided to HOSC to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 2022: Final list of potential proposals shared with Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) by SWFT, to determine if options represent 'substantial variation' to the current offer. Two additional options requested.</li> <li>June 2023: Update to HOSC outlining recommendations (SWFT).</li> <li>June 2023: Letter received from HOSC following meeting requesting further public consultation is completed on potential options</li> <li>November 2023: ICB attended Stratford and District HOSC to provide update on pre-consultation business process and need for wider rehabilitation review.</li> <li>September 2024: Update provided and endorsement of the reduction of the public consultation from 12-weeks to 6-weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose:</b>	For information and discussion on the potential impacts of the proposals and contribute to the feedback process.
<b>Appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 NHS Coventry and Warwickshire ICB Communication Plan: The South Warwickshire Community Hospital Rehabilitation Bed consultation Link to other consultation documentation <a href="#">[here]</a>

**Members are requested to:**

- NOTE FOR INFORMATION the contents of the report.
- Be ASSURED in respect of the progress against the agreed approach to deliver the South Warwickshire Community Hospital Rehabilitation Bed consultation.
- FEEDBACK and comment on the impact of the proposals to support us to shape the future of rehabilitation services in South Warwickshire.

**Executive Summary and Key Points:**

This report provides an update on key milestones, including the submission of the Pre-Consultation Business Case (PCBC) to NHS England (NHSE) on 20th November 2024, the Stage 2 Assurance meeting held on 11th December 2024, and the ICB Board's approval on 6th January 2025 to proceed with public consultation.

It summarises NHSE's Stage 2 Assurance Outcome, outlines NHS Coventry and Warwickshire ICB's approach to the South Warwickshire Community Hospital Rehabilitation Bed consultation, and details

next steps following the consultation. The report invites HOSC members to discuss the potential impacts of the proposals and contribute to the feedback process.

### **NHS England Stage 2 Assurance Outcome**

NHS England reviewed the PCBC against its major service reconfiguration assurance process. Key feedback from the Stage 2 Assurance meeting includes:

- Key Test 1: Public and Patient Engagement – The panel concluded this test has been met, noting satisfaction with the consultation plan.
- Key Test 2: Patient Choice and Strategic Alignment – Both proposed options maintain patient choice. Option B is more favourable, but Option A remains viable. Test met.
- Key Test 3: Clinical Evidence Base – Proposals were reviewed by the Clinical Quality and Strategic Group and the West Midlands Clinical Senate. Test met.
- Key Test 4: Support from Commissioners and Governance – Timelines are ambitious but achievable. Test met, with further evidence of system support submitted.
- Key Test 5: Capacity Implications – The scheme maintains 35 beds and ensures equitable community care access. Test met.
- Best Practice Checks: Affordability, Estates/Infrastructure, Resilience, and Implementation arrangements were all confirmed as met.

NHSE concluded that the proposals meet all five assurance tests and associated best practice checks, granting approval to proceed to consultation.

### **The South Warwickshire Community Hospital Rehabilitation Bed Consultation**

The public consultation was launched following ICB Board approval on 6th January 2025. A robust Communications Plan (attached) supports this consultation, offering both in-person and online events to engage stakeholders and the public.

Key elements of the consultation include:

- A dedicated consultation section on the [Happy Healthy Lives website](#), hosting background information, consultation documents, an online questionnaire, event details, and FAQs.
- Accessibility features, such as directly uploaded content enabling translation.
- Multiple ways to participate: Completing a survey, attending consultation events, or submitting written feedback.

### **The options under consideration**

There are two potential options that are being consulted on to ensure these beds remain accessible, effective and sustainable. These options have been developed with input from members of the public, patients, and stakeholders to ensure they reflect the priorities and needs of our communities. They have been informed using data and evidence-based process, and with the impact on our staff and our finances in mind.

The options are:

- **Option A – Three sites:** Distribute all 35 beds across **three** sites: Ellen Badger Hospital, Leamington Spa Hospital, and Stratford Hospital.

This would reduce the number of beds currently at Stratford Hospital and Leamington Spa Hospital and return up to 12 beds to the Ellen Badger site.

- **Option B – Two sites:** Provide all 35 beds at **two** sites, Leamington Spa Hospital and Stratford Hospital.

The wards would remain the same current size at Leamington Spa Hospital and Stratford Hospital and there would no longer be any beds at the Ellen Badger site.

Information regarding these options and the wider picture can be found in the attached consultation document.

### **Next steps**

The consultation will run from 6th January to 14th February 2025. Feedback will focus on:

- Where the community rehabilitation beds should be located.
- How these changes could make services better.
- What is most important to you when using these services.

An external provider will analyse the feedback and present findings on 6th March 2025 at Hill Close Gardens, Warwick.

When the consultation ends, all feedback will be carefully reviewed and considered by the ICB in detail. The results, along with any resulting decisions, will be shared transparently with the public and staff involved in these services. While the ICB is aiming to decide by 19th March 2025, this will depend on the full review and analysis of all feedback received during the consultation period.

### **Recommendations**

Members are requested to:

- NOTE FOR INFORMATION the contents of the report and consultation document
- COMMENT on the options within the consultation document

## **End of Report**