

# **Herefordshire County Councillors Report**

**February 2015.**

**Cllr Phill Bettington.**

Health & Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January, agenda topic - Accountability Session.

This was a public accountability session focusing on the Health sector NHS Herefordshire CCG, gave the committee an outline of what their responsibilities for commissioning are.

Current issues – WVT & CQC, Urgent Care pressures, Waiting times, Cancer, Mental health.

Future plans – Working with partners (Better care fund, HWBB), Primary Care commissioning, NHS planning process & 5 year forward view.

More info at [www.herefordshireccg.nhs.uk](http://www.herefordshireccg.nhs.uk)

Urgent Care Services – service for people who need urgent care or unexpected care, this will include the GP out of hour's service available at present at St Katherine's and the Urgent Care GP there funded by the Prime Minister till June 2015. Minor injuries treatment, NHS 111, some mental health support, walk-in centre, A&E and Clinical Assessment Unit.

More info at [www.herefordshireccg.nhs.uk/urgent-care-review](http://www.herefordshireccg.nhs.uk/urgent-care-review)

Having had recent first hand experience of the paramedics I found out that within the ambulance service there are five Paramedic ECP's (emergency care practitioners) their role to enhance the service on a trial basis till end of March, this is to see if it is a benefit to the Pathways Project as an alternative or best route for patients.

With this the questions I put to them was could the Rural Community have a night sitting/caring service extended to weekends with hours of 10pm till 8am covered, this at present works well in Worcestershire.

Basic Needs Equipment for the Community, again to have this service available for Evening and weekend use not just in the day.

Social Care Emergency Care Cover this is for help at home personally this at present is not very satisfactory but armed with this experience perhaps they will look to engage more with Communication between all services and Partners.

Any Councillor available on the 11<sup>th</sup> February between 11am and 3pm please try to attend the drop in session Shire Hall Committee room 1 to view schedules for resurfacing, LTP, TRO and grass cutting, should have sight of these on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> by email.