

**BRIEFING ON REGIONAL STROKE REVIEW**

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**1. PURPOSE**

1.1. To inform HWB Board members of the purpose and progress of the current Regional Stroke Review

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**2.1. That the Board:**

- **Note the rationale for a review and plan for action**
- **Agree for the joint HOSC to take the major oversight role for this programme of work**

**3. SUMMARY OF REVIEW**

3.1. After it formed, the Midlands and East Strategic Health Authority (SHA) noted a significant variation in performance for care of people who had suffered a stroke. This became obvious when data from across the wider area was pooled. On the back of this, and noting the poor comparisons with other countries, the SHA initiated a region-wide review of stroke services.

3.2. The proposed objectives of this review are to:

- Undertake a full review of services currently provided across the region
- Look at models of best practice
- For each area, compare what is happening with best practice
- Formulate options to inform commissioners in their planning after 2012/13.

3.3. Locally this is likely to result in some changes to the services provided with the potential for amalgamation of some services onto one, as yet unspecified, site.

3.4. There is a comprehensive and regionally prescribed programme of activity that will be followed culminating in public consultation in the early part of 2013. This includes involvement of the HOSC.

3.5. At the most recent T&W HOSC, it was agreed that this should be overseen by the Joint HOSC for Telford and Shropshire.

3.6. The accompanying slides add some more detail and will be presented at the meeting.