

Impact of Changes at Mid-Staffs NHS FT on Walsall

Health Overview &
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Mid-Staffordshire NHS FT Background

- Trust Special Administrators appointed by Monitor in April 2013.
- Administrators launched public consultation on their proposals for services at Stafford General Hospital and Cannock Chase Hospital in August 2013. Full consultation document at www.tsa-msft.org.uk
- Stafford: proposals retain overnight A&E closure and would no longer provide some emergency services, maternity and inpatient paediatrics.
- Cannock: proposals include outpatients, diagnostics, day case surgery, intermediate care and (possibly) elective inpatient care.
- Trust: to be dissolved. Stafford to be run by UHNS; no decision yet about Cannock but consultation uses Wolverhampton's proposal.
- Consultation closes 1st October 2013. Administrators then make recommendations to Monitor before final decision by Secretary of State expected in December.

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Changes to Services in Stafford

- Walsall Healthcare has already seen a significant increase in activity from Staffordshire at the Manor Hospital. For example there has been a 40% increase in emergency admissions in last 12 months. Maternity activity has also increased significantly.
- Proposed changes in Stafford will result in further increase in Staffordshire work at the Manor.
- Will require £14m investment in facilities in Walsall to accommodate additional activity:
 - Extended maternity unit;
 - Two additional emergency inpatient wards;
 - Increase in size of already planned developments for A&E and ITU.
- We are working with the Administrators to ensure that this investment is included in their plans.

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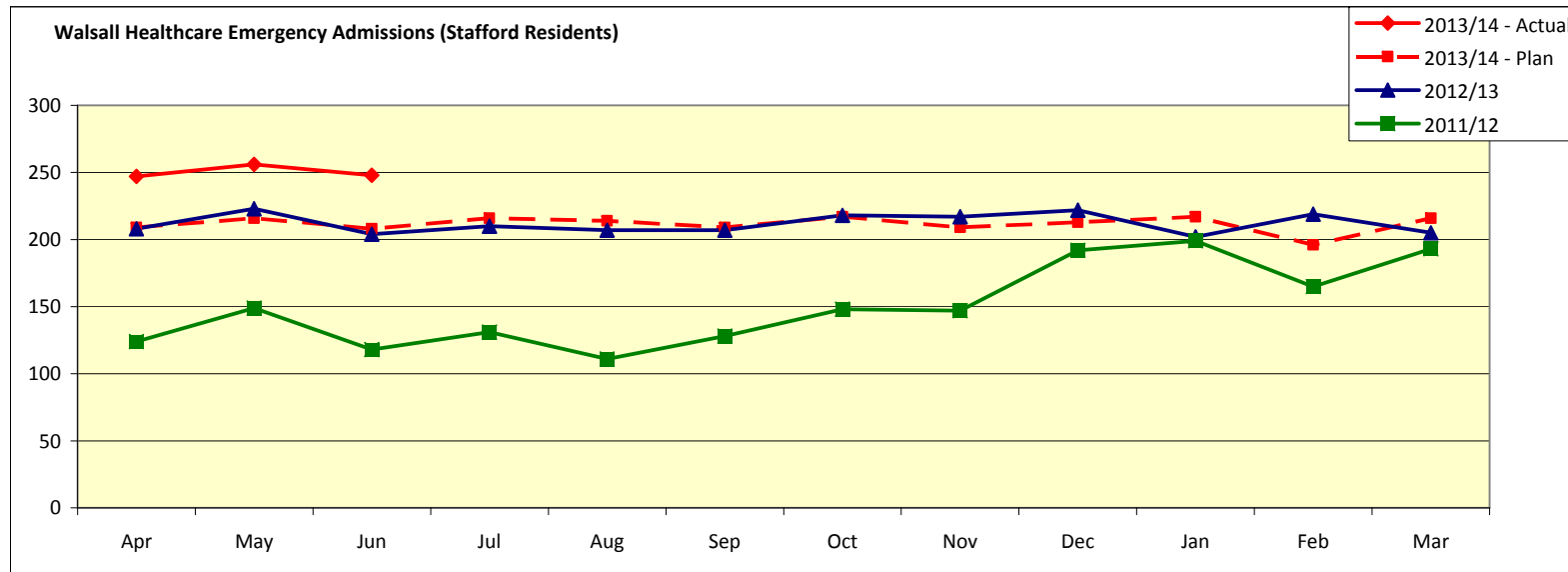
Increase in Staffordshire Emergency Activity

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust. Emergency Hospital Admissions (excluding maternity)

South Staffordshire Residents

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
2013/14 - Actual	247	256	248										751
2013/14 - Plan	209	216	208	216	214	209	217	209	213	217	196	216	2,540
2012/13	208	223	204	210	207	207	218	217	222	202	219	205	2,542
2011/12	124	149	118	131	111	128	148	147	192	199	165	193	1,805

Change 13/14 vs 12/13	19%	15%	22%										
Change 12/13 vs 11/12	68%	50%	73%	60%	86%	62%	47%	48%	16%	2%	33%	6%	41%



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Future Plans for Cannock

- Administrators are consulting on the range of services to be delivered from Cannock Chase Hospital. “Nothing has been decided . . . discussions continue with other providers including Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust”.
- We submitted proposals for how we would run a range of services from Cannock Chase Hospital making maximum use of the hospital for local people, using our experience of integrating services and supported by the acute services at the Manor.
- Other organisations including Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust also submitted proposals.
- Delivering services from Cannock offers an opportunity to provide local services in Cannock, extend our catchment and use local facilities to step-down emergency patients once medically fit.

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Secretary of State's Statement

“Of course, Mid Staffs has an extremely troubled history and it would be a derogation of my duties if I did not try to sort out the problems there once and for all, but we will not make any changes that have knock-on effects on neighbouring trusts without proper assessment and making sure that provisions are in place so that they can cope with any additional pressures.”

Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State for Health
10th September 2013, House of Commons response to a question from Pat McFadden MP

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Summary

- The Trust's formal response to the consultation will be presented to our Trust Board on 26th September.
- Key points will include:
 - That the trust is ready to play its part in responding to changes in Staffordshire;
 - That the recommended solution needs to include sufficient capital investment (£14m) for the Manor to have the capacity to care safely for Walsall and Staffordshire patients;
 - That there needs to be a fair and open process to decide the future provider of services from Cannock Chase Hospital that gives Walsall Healthcare full opportunity to set out our proposals.
- The Trust is seeking the Scrutiny Committee and the Council's support on these points.

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