

West Hertfordshire Hospitals

NHS Trust

Public Board Meeting, 29 March 2012

External Scrutiny Update

Presented by: **Paul Jenkins, Director for Partnerships**

This report is intended to brief the Board on recent external scrutiny activity:

Hertfordshire Health Scrutiny Committee

The following form part of an annual schedule of scrutiny of health services, in which the Trust participates. No formal feedback has been received and the Board will be apprised of any issues of concern raised by exception.

9 th February	Scrutiny review of Finance and Nursing.
1 st March	Scrutiny review of Integrated Discharge Planning
8 th March	Scrutiny review of Safeguarding of Neonates and Newborns
28 th March	Scrutiny review by Hertfordshire Health Scrutiny Committee of Stroke Services

Care Quality Commission

22nd March	Unannounced visit to Maternity Services (termination of pregnancy)
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This visit was part of a nation-wide review of the termination of pregnancy pathway, with a specific focus on the consent process. The assessor asked to see sets of notes for women who had been through the process and those who were awaiting the process.

The Trust service is specific to fetal abnormality. Other forms of termination (eg social) are managed through the primary care service.

The assessor has not provided any formal feedback although some informal points raised will be reviewed.

Paul Jenkins
Director for Partnerships
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