



Key facts about Warrington's Health Care.

A group of local residents has been working together to try and find some information that might be useful when you are responding to the Council's Consultation on their Preferred Development Option (PDO).

You don't have to use all of these points, or any of them at all if you don't want to, but we hope they help you decide what you want to say, or the questions you want to ask.

This document uses published information from the NHS about our services in Warrington. Reports from the Care Quality Commission, who are responsible for inspecting health services, talk on many occasions about how skilled and committed the staff working in our hospitals and the community are.

NHS leaders in Cheshire and Merseyside have developed a sustainability and Transformation Plan which means they have to save over £900 million by 2020. There will be very little money to grow services to meet the needs of Warrington's population.

In England, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) that are responsible for planning, commissioning and monitoring our health services are reviewed every year. A report published by the Government in July 2017, which was a national assessment of all Clinical Commissioning Groups, said that **Warrington CCG requires improvement**.

CCGs face a very difficult task, particularly as NHS budgets are generally recognised as being under pressure. It is unclear how this will be managed if the population of Warrington increases in line with the PDO plans.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Annual-assessment-report-16-17.pdf>

The Royal College of GPs said in 2015 that Warrington was one of the top ten places in England that has a shortfall in the numbers of GPs for the size of our current population. They said we already need a 57% increase in our GP numbers (55). There is a national shortage of GPs. It is not clear in the PDO how the additional GPs the population will need will be found. <http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/your-practice/practice-topics/employment/some-areas-of-england-needing-more-than-50-boost-to-gp-numbers-claims-rcgp/2009186.article>

When the CQC last inspected Warrington and Halton Hospitals they said that it **requires improvement**. In a report published in June of this year Warrington hospitals were shown to have missed some of the care standards that they are expected to achieve. These included

A&E 4 hour waits – **Warrington 91.55%, Target 95%**

Cancer patients having first treatment within 62 days **Warrington 75%, Target 85%**

Patients with breast symptoms waiting for 2 weeks – **Warrington 87% Target 93%**

<https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/quarterly-performance-nhs-provider-sector-quarter-1-201718/>

in 2015 the CQC said that in Warrington they thought urgent and emergency care services are good, as is surgery, end of life care and services for children and young people. They also said however that medical care, including older people's care **requires improvement** as does intensive and critical care, maternity and gynaecology care.

The CQC raised concerns about access to services and delayed discharges reporting that **all the hospital's beds were often full** and that patients were unable to get the support they needed to go home.

In addition, the CQC raise concern that there were **not always enough doctors** to see patients in a timely way and that there were **not enough nurses to cope if patients needed additional care**. Because of these things the CQC were concerned that it was difficult to be sure that patients ended up on the best ward for their care.

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/location/RWWWH>

The Bridgewater Community Trust provide many of the community services to Warrington. The CQC published a report about this organisation in February 2017 and said they feel it **requires improvement**. They found some areas of **outstanding practice and good services** including community inpatient care, some services for adults and good work with the ambulance service. They also identified some areas that require improvement including dental care, services for children, young people and families, urgent and end of life care. They also expressed concern about staffing numbers and waiting times.

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RY2>

The CQC assesses organisation using 5 categories. This is what they said about our services:

CQC Assessment	Warrington Hospital	Bridgewater Trust
Safe	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement
Effective	Requires Improvement	Good
Caring	Good	Good
Responsive	Good	Requires Improvement
Well Led	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement

This document shows that there are many good things about our health services but also that they are under pressure and are not always able to give us the quality of care we need. It is unclear what the impact of an increasing population would have on our local health services.

What else matters to you? Write to the Borough council telling them what you think of the plan.

You can do that by email or post.

Email: ldf@warrington.gov.uk.

Write to: Warrington Borough Council, Planning Policy and Programmes, New Town House, Buttermarket Street, Warrington, Cheshire, WA1 2NH

It doesn't matter how long or short your response is. The important thing is to let the council know the strength of feeling.

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5 pm 29TH SEPTEMBER**