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## HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL SUPPLEMENT AGENDA

**Date:** Wednesday, 27 July 2022

**Time:** 2.30 pm

**Venue:** Hybrid Meeting - Council Chamber, Moorlands House, Leek and via Teams

Please find below an additional report which was unavailable when the agenda was published.

### PART 1

10. Temporary closure and reopening of Leek Minor Injuries Unit - (Presentation)

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# Leek Moorlands Hospital Minor Injuries Unit

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council  
Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel – 27 July 2022

Liz Lockett, Chief Nurse & Director of Quality and Clinical Performance

Lisa Agell, Operations Director for Unplanned Care & Mental Health, Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent



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# About the Minor Injuries Unit (MIU)

- Nurse-led walk in service, currently open 9am-5pm daily (4.30pm last admission)
- Provides treatment for minor illness and injury including:
  - Wounds needing stiches
  - Ear infections
  - Sprains and strain
  - Suspected broken limbs
  - Bites and stings
  - Minor head injuries
  - Minor burns

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# Timeline: 2020-21



**MARCH 2020**



**MIU suspended**

**(Haywood Walk in Centre hours extended to take minor injuries from Royal Stoke ED)**

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**JUNE 2021**



**MIU reopened**

**(with reduced hours, previously 8am-8pm)**

# Timeline: 2022



**MARCH 2022**



**MIU temporarily suspended**

**(two week closure due to number of staff off work with Covid-19)**

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**JULY 2022**



**MIU temporarily suspended**

**(one week closure due to high level of Covid-19 staff sickness absence)**

# Suspensions of service

- Important to stress the decisions to suspend services have not been taken lightly and made in response to severe staffing pressures
- Due to highly specialised skillset of nurse-led workforce, it has been difficult to source additional staffing (e.g. bank and agency)
- During service suspensions Moorlands residents have been asked to attend Haywood Walk in Centre
- Anyone unsure about where to go for care and treatment advised to contact NHS 111 (to signpost to most appropriate place of care)

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# Workforce

- In order to continue to deliver extended operating hours at Haywood WIC and re-open Leek MIU safely, MPFT recruited an additional 10 staff
- A number of the additional staff were recruited from Royal Stoke's Emergency Department, which impacts on ED staffing
- Development programme in place by MPFT to support Registered Nurses to become Emergency Care Practitioners
- However, this is not an immediate fix for the workforce challenges across emergency care



# System oversight of MIU operating hours

- Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent's Urgent and Emergency Care Board to review Leek MIU operating hours
- Review will analyse activity levels and workforce data, along with patient experience

# Thank you & questions

