



Midlands Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust
A Keele University Teaching Trust

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



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



Timeline: 2020-21



MARCH 2020



MIU suspended

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



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)



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)

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

