

CABINET – 16 OCTOBER 2012

Oxford University Hospitals Trust Application to become a Foundation Trust

Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Comments of meeting held on 27 September 2012

The Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 27th September to discuss the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust Foundation Trust consultation.

The JHOSC will be responding independently to the OUHT consultation but wishes to share its comments on the consultation with the county council's Cabinet in their consideration of the same issue.

The Committee had a very positive and productive discussion with Dame Fiona Caldicott, Chairman, Sir Jonathan Michael, Chief Executive and Andrew Stevens, Director of Planning and Information, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust. As a result of this discussion the committee is happy to support the Trust's application for Foundation Trust status.

Whilst supporting the application the committee would like to make two comments,

- That the OUHT will have to satisfy Monitor that it is financially secure before becoming a foundation trust
- The committee expects that the Trust upholds the commitment made at the HOSC meeting to continue to prioritise the provision of local district general hospital services to the people of Oxfordshire (including in Banbury) as well as specialist services

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