

## **Late Addition to the 30.1.25 Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) Agenda**

### **ACER Detox facilities: proposed closure.**

In response to the announcement by Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Trust concerning the closure of the ACER Unit at the end of March we have added an additional agenda item to discuss this on the 30<sup>th</sup> January.

The item will be fairly brief and consist of a position statement from Christina Gray, Director of Public Health.

This is an issue that has caused a great deal of concern (for example, the petition has already reached over 3,000 signatures I believe).

The Committee will have several questions including:

- What other options were considered before closure (e.g. I understand that demand for this type of facility has fallen but can it be managed on a smaller scale?)
- What consultation has happened and why was HOSC unaware?
- Most crucially, what are the plans for future provision for this specialist service

The committee will need to consider what action we take resulting from what we are told (for example, whether to call an additional session to fully explore the questions we raise).

This item will replace the item to discuss Memorandum of Understanding.

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Chair, HOSC