

Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust
Trust Board Report



Meeting Date:	8 February 2010
Title:	Improving Quality and Value for Money of Health Care – Adoption of West Midlands Shared Narrative
Purpose/Overview:	To seek the Board's approval and adoption of a shared approach between NHS organisations in the West Midlands to improve quality and value for money, in order to meet forthcoming economic challenges.
Action Requested:	<p>Recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Board endorses and adopts the attached Shared Narrative as a framework and approach to improving quality and value for money of health care in the West Midlands; (ii) Consideration be given to the formal inclusion of the aims of the Shared Narrative in contractual agreements with providers.
Report of:	Trust Secretary
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Strategic Priority: (Identify contribution to Patient Safety & wellbeing)	Shared Narrative principles relate to improving quality and safety of services
Risk & Mitigation/ Legal Implications:	The SHA is recommending adoption of the shared narrative as part of contractual terms
Resource Implications:	None directly
Public Access:	Yes
References: (Referring Committee; Background Information)	Report of Director of Finance & Information (agenda item 12.2)
Implementation Lead/Timescales:	
Appendices/ References	Shared Narrative document attached at Appendix 1

Background	<p>West Midlands Trust Chief Executives have worked together on a “West Midlands Narrative”; a shared statement on how NHS organisations in the West Midlands will face the economic challenges of the coming few years.</p> <p>A copy of the Narrative is attached at Appendix 1.</p> <p>NHS Chief Executives agreed in principle that this Narrative should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Used as a basis on which the SHA will interact with all health economies;• Adopted formally by each Board;• Included formally as part of all contractual agreements for both providers and commissioners. <p>The Board is requested to consider whether it wishes to formally sign up to the Narrative and if so, whether to include its provisions in the Trust’s contractual agreements.</p>
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