



# *Independent Health Concern*



## ***SENIOR ACUTE TRUST OFFICIALS MEET WITH HEALTH CONCERN.***

A meeting, Chaired by Dr Richard Taylor, took place on Friday 8 June with the Worcestershire Acute Trust's, John Rostill, Chief Executive and Jeff Crawshaw, Director of HR. The meeting in Bewdley was attended by over 50 Independent Health Concern councillors, activists and supporters and was hailed a great success.

The main topic under discussion centred on the recently announced pilot scheme for doctor cover in the Minor Injuries Unit at Kidderminster Hospital. Mr Rostill presented an overview of the proposals and explained that the pilot would run for 6 months with the funding currently available. He did, however, not rule out a longer trial if additional funding could be secured but he was optimistic that 6 months would be long enough to show that the scheme could be self-funding through economies from reduced attendances and admissions at the other hospitals in the county. A lengthy discussion took place on this issue which is seen by Health Concern supporters as a major breakthrough in providing enhanced emergency services at Kidderminster Hospital.

Other issues discussed included elective surgery, Pathology Services, Radiography Services and Phlebotomy Services where those present raised many issues of interest to the meeting.

Both Mr Rostill and Mr Crawshaw presented informative details of current issues relating to health in the County and were willing to answer questions openly and with honesty.

Health Concern welcomed the opportunity for this face to face meeting and offer our thanks to both visitors for the time spent with us.