

Item 9: Tonbridge Cottage Hospital: Change of Use

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 30 November 2012

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1. Background

- (a) This matter has been brought to the attention of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee as concerns have been raised that there was inadequate consultation of the decision to house a stroke rehabilitation bed unit in Tonbridge Cottage Hospital.
- (b) NHS Kent and Medway have been asked to provide a report covering the following areas:
1. The background and rationale behind the decision to house the stroke rehabilitation unit in Tonbridge Cottage Hospital;
 2. The reasons why this was not considered a 'substantial variation' of service and so why the Kent HOSC was not consulted in advance of this change;
 3. An outline of what engagement and consultation with staff, service users, the Hospital League of Friends and the wider public took place prior to the decision;
 4. An outline of what plans the commissioners have to consult on this change of use at the hospital, and any future changes of use.

2. Recommendation

That the Committee consider and note the report.