

### Extract from NHS Eastern and Coastal Board Papers, 23 September 2009

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	23 September 2009
<b>Report Number:</b>	B102/09
<b>Agenda item:</b>	9
<b>Subject:</b>	Delivering the Transforming Community Services Programme
<b>Reporting officer:</b>	Amanda Harrison, Director of Assurance and Strategic Development

#### Summary

The Department of Health (DH) programme Transforming Community Services was established following the publication of the *DH Operating Plan 2009/10* and the *NHS Next Stage Review, High Quality Care for All*. The PCT Board established the Shaping Community Services (SCS) Programme Board to corporately oversee the implementation of the Transforming Community Services work locally.

This paper details the work undertaken and sets out some recommendations on the future of Eastern and Coastal Kent Community Services (ECK-CS). Much of this paper is focused on the work undertaken to transform services in order to improve quality, productivity and ensure ECK-CS is business ready, in its own right. The assessment of organisational options has also been part of the Transforming Community Services Programme since it was launched nationally. The NHS Chief Executive has recently written to all PCTs informing them that do not now have to make a definitive decision about organisation form in October 2009, which was the original national milestone. However due to the significant work undertaken locally this paper begins our assessment of organisational models.

This paper recommends that Direct Provision remains the model of delivery for ECK-CS in the short to medium term, but acknowledges that the PCT corporately needs to support the autonomy and ambition of ECK-CS and allow the PCT as a commissioner to concentrate on its World Class Commissioning responsibilities. To do this it is recommended that the PCT will continue to strengthen its internal governance to further separate ECK-CS under the umbrella of the PCT, ensuring that becoming a stand alone provider, external to the PCT, is a viable long term option.

It also recommends that although there remain uncertainties around the Community Foundation Trust and Integrated Care Pilot models the PCT and ECK-CS should work with the SHA and DH to support the development of these models as their transition and implementation paths become clearer.

#### Board Action

The PCT Board are asked to:

- Agree and ratify the recommendations set out in Section 10.0
- Endorse the Next Steps set out in Section 11.0
- Ratify the ECK-CS Board Terms of Reference in Appendix 1.

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**This report contributes to the following PCT strategic objectives**

This report contributes to the PCT Strategic Objective focused on ensuring effective governance of the PCT Provider.

**This report gives assurance against a risk identified in the Assurance Framework**

Assurance Number:	Brief Description:
8.1	A lack of clarity on the future of Community Services and governance arrangements are not clear, leading to uncertainty

**Equality Impact Assessment**

Has the paper undergone the screening process for Equality Impact Assessment?	
If yes, what further action needs to be taken?	If no, explain why
	The Community Services Commissioning Strategy and the ECK-CS Business Plan will need detailed Equality Impact Assessments.

**Background Information**

This report has been considered by the following committees:		
Shaping Community Services Programme Board	On: 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug 09	Comment: Received comments which have been included in the final report.
ECK-CS Management Board	On: 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 09	Comment: Received comments which have been included in the final report.
Legal Services	On: N/A	Comment:

**Report History**

First reported to the Board on:	February 2007
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