

Item 7: Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust: Update

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Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.

It provides additional background information which may prove useful to Members.

1. Introduction

- (a) Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust operates from three main clinical sites: Maidstone Hospital, Tunbridge Wells Hospital at Pembury and Crowborough Birth Centre. The Trust provides a range of general hospital services and some areas of specialist care to around 560,000 people living in the south of West Kent and the north of East Sussex.
- (b) In addition, the Trust provides specialist Cancer services to around 1.8 million people across Kent and Sussex, via the Kent Oncology Centre, which is sited at Maidstone Hospital and at Kent and Canterbury Hospital in Canterbury.
- (c) At the Trust's CQC inspection in 2015, the Trust was rated as requires improvement. The Trust was re-inspected in October 2017 and whilst the CQC had found that there had been significant and sustained improvement throughout the Trust, the Trust's rating stayed the same.
- (d) The Committee last received an update on the Trust in September 2016 following the Trust being placed in Financial Special Measures. An update has been requested for this meeting as part of the Committee's review of acute services. The Trust has asked for the attached report to be presented to the Committee.

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the report on Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust be noted and the Trust be requested to provide an update at the appropriate time.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2016) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (02/09/2016)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=41835>

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