

Item 7a: North Kent CCGs: Urgent Care Review Programme – Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 25 January 2019

Subject: North Kent CCGs: Urgent Care Review Programme – Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG.

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

1. Introduction

- (a) On 27 January 2017 the Committee considered an update following the re-establishment of the urgent and emergency care programme in North Kent. The scope of the programme had changed from the one originally presented to the Committee on 10 October 2014 and 26 January 2016. The Committee agreed the following recommendation on 27 January 2017:

RESOLVED that the report be noted and NHS Swale CCG and NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG be requested to present the case for change and proposed clinical models to the Committee in March.

- (b) On 14 July 2017, following postponement due to the KCC election, the Committee considered the Case for Change and Proposed Clinical Model of Care and agreed that the proposed changes to urgent and emergency care by the North Kent CCGs not to be a substantial variation of service.
- (c) On 23 November 2018 the Committee considered a report on the Kent and Medway NHS 111 and Clinical Assessment Service. The report referred to the agreement by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG to allow a period for pause to allow time to reshape the urgent care model. The Committee agreed to invite the CCG to present a comprehensive update in January 2019.
- (d) Due to the potential requirement for further consultation the Committee may wish to consider the proposals in more detail.

2. Potential Substantial Variation of Service

- (a) The Committee is asked to review whether the Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Urgent Care Review Programme proposals constitute a substantial variation of service.
- (b) Where the Committee deems the proposed changes as not being substantial, this shall not prevent the HOSC from reviewing the proposed changes at its discretion and making reports and recommendations to the NHS.

3. Recommendation

If the proposed change to urgent care in Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley is substantial:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee deems proposed changes to urgent care in Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley to be a substantial variation of service.
- (b) Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG be invited to attend this Committee and present an update at an appropriate meeting once the timescale has been confirmed.

If the proposed change to urgent care in Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley is not substantial:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee does not deem the proposed changes to urgent care by the Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG to be a substantial variation of service.
- (b) Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG be invited to submit a report to the Committee in June 2019.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2014) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (10/10/2014)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=5400&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2016) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (26/01/2016)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=6256&Ver=4>

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Kent County Council (2017) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (14/07/2017)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7530&Ver=4>

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