



Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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## **Update on the Review of the Frank Lloyd Unit, Sittingbourne**

### **1. Introduction**

Following the briefing which was submitted to HOSC in September 2018, this paper provides an update on the work which has taken place since that date to review the Frank Lloyd Unit in Sittingbourne. Unfortunately, the work has not progressed as anticipated and as was indicated in the paper presented last year. This has largely due to the complexities of working across a number of organisations across Kent and Medway, each of which has its own governance processes and requirements.

### **2. Work Completed to Date**

A significant amount of work has been undertaken with clinicians to develop the case for change and to develop a draft, comprehensive model of care which will be community based and can be delivered closer to home. This draft model will be used to engage with service users and carers and other relevant stakeholders to ensure it will meet the needs of this client group.

The unit continues to function and, currently, the number of individuals being cared for in the unit is eight, compared to ten at the date of the last HOSC report. These individuals are re-assessed on a regular basis to ensure their needs are being met and, if appropriate, will be moved to a more suitable service.

### **3. Next Steps.**

Individual meetings are planned with the carers and families of the current service users. These meetings will take place after 23 May, after the conclusion of purdah. The purpose of these meetings is to share the proposed model of care and to gain input to shape the final service. Carers will also be provided with re-assurance that their family members will continue to receive the most appropriate care in the most appropriate setting.

Following these meetings, a detailed programmed of communication and engagement is planned with other stakeholders.

### **4. Further Updates.**

The next update to HOSC will provide a comprehensive overview of the new model of care and the outcomes of the engagement process. In the meantime, if there are further queries on any of the above, they can be sent to [ekmentalhealth.commissioning@nhs.net](mailto:ekmentalhealth.commissioning@nhs.net)