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Dear Member

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH 2014**

The chairman has agreed that this item is urgent and should be considered at the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on the 26 March 2014.

<b>Agenda No</b>	<b>Item</b>
9	<b><u>Consultation on Outpatient Services in East Kent</u> (Pages 3 - 4)</b>

Yours sincerely

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**Peter Sass**  
**Head of Democratic Services**

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**By:** Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

**To:** Health and Wellbeing Board, 26 March 2014

**Subject:** **Consultation on Outpatient Services in East Kent**

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Summary:** This paper present a summary of the Consultation on Outpatient Services in East Kent and the past formal involvement of the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board.

**Recommendation(s)**

The Kent Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to Note the report.

## 1. Introduction

(a) The Health and Wellbeing Board (Shadow) received a verbal update on the EKHT clinical strategy review on 30 January 2013. It was agreed that the Chairman of the HWB should be involved early in the discussions for any re-configuration proposals and the Chairman would write to all major providers proposing a way forward. The consultation on outpatient services developed out of the clinical strategy.

(b) The Chairman subsequently wrote to all major providers setting out that given the strategic county-wide remit of the Kent HWB, there should be early engagement and consultation with the Board on future proposals arising out of the developing clinical strategy. In particular, early discussions with the chair should be a key part of any future engagement process as there was a need to ensure synergy between proposals and the Kent Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

## 2. Summary of the Consultation

(a) Towards the end of 2010, East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHT) began work on developing their clinical strategy. Four work streams were established:

- Emergency care;
- Trauma;
- Outpatients; and
- Planned care.

(b) The current consultation covers part of the outcomes of the work from the Out-Patient Clinical Strategy Group. The public consultation ran from 9 December 2013 to 17 March 2013 (extended from the original date of 9 March). The results of the consultation will be analysed independently by the University of Kent and then proceed for decision by the Boards of Canterbury and Coastal CCG and EKHUFT. HOSC will also consider the final proposals.

(c) The core proposals within the consultation involve consolidating outpatient services from the current 15 sites to 6. 5 of these sites are those owned by EKHT:

1. William Harvey Hospital, Ashford;
2. Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury;
3. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital, Margate;
4. Buckland Hospital, Dover; and
5. Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone.

(d) The 6<sup>th</sup> site is to be in the north Kent coast area. Several sites are considered, with the consultation document naming Estuary View Medical Centre as the preferred option.

(e) Based on travel times for patients in Canterbury and Coastal, Thanet, Ashford and South Kent Coast CCG's areas, choosing these six sites (including Estuary View) will lead to an increase in the percentage of patients within a 20 minute drive of outpatient services than is currently the case (83.5% compared to 70%).

(f) NHS Canterbury and Coastal have agreed to partner EKHT on the consultation. Ashford, Thanet and South Kent Coast CCGs decided that they would be consulted by the Trust on the proposals.

(g) A couple of other service developments are mentioned in the consultation document, but which the consultation does not cover. NHS South Kent Coast CCG is separately working on services to be provided from Deal hospital. Swale CCG is also separately commissioning a one-stop outpatient centre in the Sittingbourne area, creating a 7<sup>th</sup> site for outpatient services. According to the business case for the outpatients clinical strategy the 7<sup>th</sup> site, along with service innovations, is key to realising the benefits of the strategy.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

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#### **Background Documents**

*Consultation on Outpatient Services in East Kent*, East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust and NHS Canterbury and Coastal Clinical Commissioning Group.

*Outpatients Clinical Strategy Full Business Case*, East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust

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