

Item 10: CQC inspection update for Medway Foundation Trust

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Subject: CQC inspection update for Medway Foundation Trust

Summary: This report provides the Committee with background to the agenda item.

1) Introduction

- a) The Care Quality Commission (CQC) carried out an unannounced inspection of Medway Maritime Hospital's emergency care pathway and emergency department on 14 December 2020. Subsequently the regulator has issued a Section 31 notice (possible urgent enforcement actions) and a Section 29A (letter of intent).
- b) The Care Quality Commission published their findings 25 February 2021, and the report is attached to this paper.
- c) The CQC can serve a warning notice under section 29A of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 when it identifies concerns across either the whole or part of an NHS Trust or NHS Foundation Trust and it determines there is a need for significant improvements in the quality of healthcare.
- d) If the CQC has reasonable cause to believe that unless it acts a person may or will be exposed to harm, they may give notice in writing under Section 31 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 to the provider.
- e) A written update was provided for the Committee at its last meeting. The Provider has been invited to attend today's meeting and update the Committee on its action plan following the issuing of the notices.

2) Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the Committee consider and note the report.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2021) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee 4/03/21*',
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8500&Ver=4>

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