

Item 12: East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust – update following CQC publications

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 10 June 2021

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Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT).

It is a written item, and no representatives will be present at the meeting.

1) Introduction

a) The Trust has provided a written update for the Committee on two areas of Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection:

i) Infection Prevention and Control.

Report: William Harvey Hospital, 7/10/20.

This report was a focussed inspection in the area of safety and followed a core inspection on 11 August 2020 which recorded examples of poor practice in infection prevention and control (IPC) practices and led to the issuing of Section 29A and Section 31 notices.

Source: <https://api.cqc.org.uk/public/v1/reports/3b1a0d80-f9e0-4828-839a-312049321304?20210507150006>

Report: EKHUFT Quality Report, 23/04/21.

This was an inspection of infection prevention and control across the Trust and follows the report from 7 October 2021. The report recognises significant improvements as well as areas of outstanding practice and led to the lifting of the previous two notices. No ratings were given and the Trust remains “Requires Improvement” overall.

Source: <https://api.cqc.org.uk/public/v1/reports/1b55b552-35a3-4b28-881a-fc71be226bdd?20210423064006>

ii) Urgent and Emergency Care Services.

QEQM and William Harvey Hospital each had an Inspection Report published on 7/05/21. The focussed inspection of each hospital’s urgent and emergency care services was undertaken as part of the Resilience 5 Plus process.¹ The services were inspected but not rated.

QEQM - <https://api.cqc.org.uk/public/v1/reports/f726c44e-46bd-4d51-8d8c-7abebfc7b763?20210507070040>

¹ The ‘Resilience 5 Plus’ process is used to support focused inspections of urgent and emergency care services which may be under pressure due to winter demands or concerns in relation to patient flow and COVID-19. The inspection framework focused on five key lines of enquiry relating to critical care, infection prevention and control, patient flow, workforce and leadership and culture.

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William Harvey - <https://api.cqc.org.uk/public/v1/reports/6aa49fde-80d1-4e11-bc8e-aaa7ebc06563?20210512124735>

2) Previous Monitoring by HOSC

- a) Following the August CQC visit and subsequent Section 31 notice, HOSC received a report from the Trust in September 2020. At that time, the CQC report had not been published, but the Trust had begun implementing the recommendations made by the CQC. HOSC requested that an update be provided to the Committee at the appropriate time.
- b) The Chair of HOSC has invited the Trust to provide a written update following the CQC's recent publications.

3) Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the Committee consider and note the report.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2020) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (17/09/20)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8497&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2020) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (22/07/20)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8496&Ver=4>

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