

Item 8: Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust – Clinical Strategy – Cardiology Services

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Subject: Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust – Clinical Strategy – Cardiology Services

Summary: This report falls under the clinical strategy reconfiguration at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.

The Committee has yet to determine if this workstreams' proposals constitute a substantial variation of service.

1) Introduction

- a) In the previous item, the Committee received information about a clinical strategy reconfiguration that was under at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust (MTW).
- b) This item falls under that reconfiguration and specifically relates to cardiology services.

2) Potential Substantial variation of service

- a) The Committee is asked to review whether the proposal to reconfigure cardiology services at MTW constitutes 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 cardiology services is *substantial*:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee deems the proposed reconfiguration across Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust to be a substantial variation of service.
- (b) Kent and Medway CCG be invited to attend this Committee and present an update at the earliest opportunity.

If the proposed change to cardiology services is *not substantial*:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee does not deem the proposed reconfiguration across Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust to be a substantial variation of service.
- (b) the report be noted.

Background Documents

None.

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