

Item 4: 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 already decided these proposals do not constitute a substantial variation of service.

1) Introduction

- a) At its meeting on 21 July 2021, the Committee received a paper about the clinical strategy reconfiguration at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust (MTW). It also received a paper about a workstream that fell under that reconfiguration, cardiology services.
- b) Specialist and inpatient cardiology services are currently offered from both Maidstone Hospital and Tunbridge Wells Hospital. The Trust proposes to consolidate these onto one site and create a specialist cardiology service. The case for change was set out in the paper presented to HOSC on 21 July 2021 (see [here](#)).
- c) Following discussion, the Committee believed that whilst the proposals were significant, they did not constitute a substantial variation of service.
- d) A follow up paper was received on 11 November 2021 notifying HOSC that a 12-week engagement exercise had commenced and was due to finish on 14 January 2022. The Trust have asked to present an update to the Committee at today's meeting.

2) Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the Committee note the report.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2021) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (21/07/21)', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8758&Ver=4>

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