

Item 9: Medway and Swale Community Diagnostic Centre

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Subject: Medway and Swale Community Diagnostic Centre

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by Medway and Swale Health and Care Partnership.

It provides background information which may prove useful to Members.

1) Introduction

- a) The Medway and Swale Health and Care Partnership have asked to present the attached report, setting out the plans to develop two community diagnostic centres in Swale (the hub) and Medway (the spoke).
- b) The plans will provide additional diagnostic provision across Swale and Medway and they fall under an NHS England national programme to create such centres.

2) Potential Substantial variation of service

- a) The Committee is asked to review whether this proposal constitutes a substantial variation of service. There are no formal criteria setting out what a substantial variation of service is, and it is down to the Committee to decide.
- b) Where the Committee deems the proposed changes as not being substantial, this shall not prevent it from reviewing the proposed changes at its discretion and making reports and recommendations to the NHS.
- c) Where the Committee deems the proposed changes as being substantial, the NHS must consult with it prior to a final decision being made, though the NHS always remains the decision maker.
- d) Once the final decision has been reported to HOSC, the Committee shall decide if it supports the decision, does not support the decision, and/or provide comment on it. Where it does not support the decision, the Committee can refer it to the Secretary of State.

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3. Recommendation

If the proposals relating to the creation of two Community Diagnostic Centres in Medway and Swale are deemed substantial:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee deems that the creation of two Community Diagnostic Centres in Medway and Swale is a substantial variation of service.
- (b) NHS representatives be invited to attend this Committee and present an update at an appropriate time.

If the proposals relating to the creation of two Community Diagnostic Centres in Medway and Swale are not deemed substantial:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee deems that the creation of two Community Diagnostic Centres in Medway and Swale is not a substantial variation of service.
- (b) NHS representatives be invited to attend this Committee and present an update at an appropriate time.

Background Documents

None.

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