

Item 7: Urgent Care Review Programme - Swale

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 10 May 2023

Subject: Urgent Care Review Programme - Swale

Summary: This report provides the background to the agenda item and attached information provided by the Kent and Medway ICB.

The Committee has determined that the proposals do not constitute a substantial variation of service.

1) Introduction

- a) The Local Urgent Care Programme commenced in 2014. It was in response to an NHS England requirement for all areas to have an Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) to try and reduce the pressure on A&E departments.
- b) The review refers to face-to-face urgent care services, as opposed to telephony services. Urgent care relates to injuries or illnesses that are not life-threatening but that require urgent clinical assessment or treatment on the same day.¹
- c) Historically in Swale, there have been two Minor Injury Units (MIUs) (based at Sheppey Community Hospital and Sittingbourne Memorial Hospital) and a GP Walk in Centre (WIC) (based at Sheppey Community Hospital). The programme will result in two UTCs, one in Sheppey and one in Sittingbourne.
- d) The programme has been broken into 3 phases. The second phase, providing an interim WIC, commenced on 1 November 2021 with Minster Medical Group providing a GP WIC at Sheppey Community Hospital.
- e) The third and final phase is the provision of a UTC. At HOSC's last update on 2 March 2022, the ICB were aiming for an opening date of 1 September 2023. The ICB have been invited to attend today's meeting and provide an update on progress.

2) Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

¹ Kent County Council (2019) Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Swale CCG Urgent Care update (19/09/19)

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Background Documents

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