

Item: Edenbridge Memorial Health Centre

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Subject: Edenbridge Memorial Health Centre

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust Community (KCHFT).

It provides background information which may prove useful to Members.

1) Introduction

- a) Edenbridge Memorial Health Centre is a purpose built centre bringing together primary care and community hospital services (without inpatient beds). The centre opened in November 2023.
- b) Historically, health services in Edenbridge were provided by a GP Practice ("Edenbridge Medical Practice"), an at home service through Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT), and the Edenbridge and District War Memorial Hospital.
- c) The new centre follows years of planning and consultation, which HOSC were kept informed about.

2) Previous visits to HOSC

- a) HOSC received updates on the primary and community care proposals in Edenbridge since 2016. The changes were not deemed to be a substantial variation of service.
- b) The Committee received its last formal update on 5 October 2023. Highlights included:
 - i) the centre was due to open to the public on 27 November 2023.
 - ii) x-ray services were not due to be provided from the new Centre because of low activity levels.
 - iii) There would not be a Minor Injuries Unit or overnight beds – the nearest were located at Pembury Hospital.
 - iv) Social prescribing would be overseen by the Social Value Co-ordinator.
- c) Following discussion, the Committee RESOLVED to

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Consider and note the report. That the NHS report back after the centre had been operative for at least 12 months or more as to the progress and lessons learnt.

d) KCHFT have been invited to present an update, 12 months after opening.

3) **Recommendation**

RECOMMENDED that the Committee consider and note the report.

Background Documents

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