

Item: Thanet Integrated Care Hub

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 17 December 2024

Subject: Thanet Integrated Care Hub

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by KCHFT.

It provides background information which may prove useful to Members.

1) Introduction

- a) Officers from KCHFT have asked to present the attached paper to HOSC, to inform Members about their proposals to establish an Integrated Care Hub and community diagnostics centre in Thanet.
- b) A briefing note was circulated to HOSC and local members on 12 November 2024, setting out the proposals. An informal briefing was held for local members on Monday 18 November.

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 decides a proposal is substantial, the NHS is required to consult with it prior to a final decision being made. The NHS always remains the decision-maker though must take the comments of the Committee into account.
- c) In considering substantial variations of service, the Committee will take into account the resource envelope within which the relevant NHS organisations operate and will therefore take into account the effect of the proposals on the sustainability of services, as well as on their quality and safety.

3) Recommendation

- a) *If the proposals relating to the Thanet Integrated Care Hub are deemed substantial:*

RECOMMENDED that:

- i. the Committee deems that the Thanet Integrated Care Hub is a substantial variation of service.

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- ii. NHS representatives be invited to attend this Committee and present an update at an appropriate time.

b) If the proposals relating to the Thanet Integrated Care Hub are not deemed substantial:

RECOMMENDED that:

- i. the Committee deems that Thanet Integrated Care Hub is not a substantial variation of service.
- ii. NHS representatives be invited to attend this Committee and present an update at an appropriate time.

Background Documents

None

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