

Item 8: Thanet Integrated Health Hub

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 12 March 2025

Subject: Thanet Integrated Health Hub

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

The Committee has determined that the changes represent a substantial variation of service.

1) Introduction

- a) A paper was presented to HOSC on 17 December 2024 to inform Members about the East Kent Health and Care Partnership's proposal to establish an Integrated Health Hub and community diagnostics centre in Thanet.
- b) In November 2024, a briefing note that set out the proposal was circulated to the Committee. An informal briefing was also held for Members a week later.
- c) At the HOSC meeting in December 2024, Members enquired about the accessibility of the chosen location, staff recruitment, the catchment area and the timescales.
- d) The Committee concluded that the proposal relating to the Thanet Integrated Health Hub was a substantial variation for the following reasons:
 - i. The Hub represented an important new way of working.
 - ii. It was hoped the Hub would be an exemplar piece of learning.
 - iii. Important issues relating to workforce had been discussed.
- e) Concerns were raised about the impact of the resolution on the implementation of the Hub. The Chair confirmed there would be no impact on delivery.
- f) The Committee RESOLVED that:
 - i. The Committee deemed that the Thanet Integrated Health Hub was a substantial variation of service.
 - ii. NHS representatives be invited to attend the Committee's 12 March 2025 meeting with an update ahead of the Hub opening.

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- g) NHS representatives have been invited to attend today's meeting in line with the above resolution.

2) Recommendation

- a) Recommended that the Committee consider and note the report.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2024) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (17/12/24)
[Agenda for Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 17th December, 2024, 10.00 am](#)

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