

## Item 7: Podiatry Services Move - Update

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Subject: Podiatry Services Move - Update

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Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the update provided by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT) on the Podiatry Services' relocation.

*This is a written briefing only; no guests will be present to speak on this item.*

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### 1) Introduction

- a) Podiatry is the study, diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the feet and ankles. In Kent, the service is provided by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT).
- b) In July 2022, the KCHFT reported to the Committee its proposal to relocate the Podiatry Service from Foster Street, Maidstone, to two new sites: the Churchill Centre at the Royal British Legion Village, Preston Hall, Barming, and the Coxheath clinic, near Maidstone. The main reason for the relocation was that the premises at Foster Street no longer met the accessibility requirements needed to make it easy for everyone to access the service.
- c) The Committee decided that the relocation of the Podiatry Services did not constitute a substantial variation of service. The Committee invited KCHFT to present an update once the new premises had been open for an appropriate period of time.

### 2) Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the update.

### Background Documents

Kent County Council (2022) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (07/07/22) [Agenda for Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 7th July, 2022, 10.00 am](#)

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