

From: Graham Gibbens, Cabinet Member Adult Social Care & Public Health

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To: Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee - 12th June 2013

Subject: **Progress Update on Genito-Urinary Medicine (GUM) Service Transfer from Darent Valley Hospital to Gravesham Community Hospital**

Classification: Unrestricted

Past Pathway of Paper: Corporate Board

Future Pathway of Paper: N/A

Electoral Division: Countywide

Summary: Commissioning of Genito-urinary services became the responsibility of the County Council from 1st April 2013.

The GUM service currently provided by the Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust from Darent Valley Hospital site will be transferring to Kent Community Health Trust KCHT at Gravesham Community Hospital, on June 3rd for a period of 12 months, as an interim arrangement. This was the subject of a decision by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, following discussion at the March 2013 meeting of this Committee.

The cost of this service is approximately 2.5 million pounds.

Recommendation(s):

The Cabinet Committee is asked to note the update on the transfer of the GUM service from Darent Valley Hospital to Gravesham Community Hospital.

1. Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to report progress on the transfer of the Genito-urinary medicine service provided from Darent Valley Hospital (DVH) to Gravesham Community Hospital (GCH).

2. Financial Implications

2.1 The contract for this service is based upon payment by results (PbR). The tariff in 2013/14 for new appointments is £157.00 and for follow up appointments £123.00. There have been some costs linked to IT and setting up the service at GCH. The cost for HIV drugs and HIV treatment will be met by NHS England (specialist commissioning) which in 2012/13 was approximately 1.4 million pounds.

3. Bold Steps for Kent and Policy Framework

3.1 This activity supports Bold Steps for Kent core themes:

- To put the citizen in control - through open access /self-referral to the service
- To tackle disadvantage – providing an integrated service which gives clients entry to a breadth of service provision in one place

4. Detail

4.1 Background

4.1.1 In August 2012 Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust served notice to NHS Kent and Medway with the intention to cease providing the Genito-Urinary Service from DVH, with effect from 1st May 2013.

4.2 Progress

4.2.1 The process of consultation with staff at DVH commenced on March 14th with the addition of a further member of staff added on April 11th. The board at DVH made an internal decision on 24th April to defer transfer of the service because there was concern that the preparations for transfer to KCHT were not complete.

4.2.2 Commissioners held an urgent meeting, discussed the concerns raised by DVH and have made response both through formal letter and activity. The impact of moving the clinic has filtered to other disciplines namely radiology and pathology as KCHT are not maintaining the same level of provision from these services at DVH. Communications to stakeholders, clients and the wider public have been prepared to be disseminated following the completion of the consultation period with staff. To be compliant with the governance for the supply of high cost HIV drugs has required negotiation with proposal for a community model which has been made. This model will be developed and implementation phased in with an interim arrangement continuing with the support of DVH until August 2013.

4.2.3 Agreement to work toward a revised transfer date was made on May 8th with commissioners. The service will cease at DVH on Friday May 31st and commence at GCH from Monday 3rd June.

4.3 Performance Monitoring

4.3.1 There are increased requirements for information, from the sexual health commissioners and the Department of Health, which will be reviewed quarterly. Improved electronic recording of data and consistency of recording information across the service will be developed.

5. Conclusions

The move of a clinical service has incurred impact elsewhere within the hospital trust which needed to be determined and completion of consultation with staff before transfer could take place This GUM service has transferred to provide a continuing service for residents and non-residents.

This transfer presents opportunities to review opening times and further improve open access to services.

6. Recommendation(s)

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The Cabinet Committee is asked to note and comment on the update on the transfer of the GUM service from Darent Valley Hospital to Gravesham Community Hospital.

7. Background Documents - none

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