

Item 6: East Kent Outpatients Strategy: Written Update.

By: Peter Sass, Head of Democratic Services

To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 11 October 2013

Subject: East Kent Outpatients Consultation: Written Update

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided on the East Kent Outpatients Consultation.

It is a written update only and no guests will be present to speak on this item.

It provides additional background information which may prove useful to Members.

1. Introduction

- (a) Representatives from East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust attended the meeting of this Committee on 7 June to discuss the Trust's developing clinical strategy.
- (b) The outpatients' strategy was one of the areas of particular focus during this meeting. The recommendation agreed by the Committee on 7 June was the following:
 - AGREED that the Committee thanks its guests for their attendance and contributions today, agrees that the proposed changes to outpatient services and breast surgery services do represent a substantial variation of service and look forward to receiving further updates in the future; and also requests that East Kent Hospitals NHS University Foundation Trust take on board the Committee's comments regarding public consultation before the Trust takes any final decision on wider consultation.
- (c) Further information is contained in the attached report from East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust and NHS Canterbury and Coastal Clinical Commissioning Group.

2. Recommendation

Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the report.

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Background Documents

Agenda, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 7 June 2013,
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=5073&Ver=4>

Minutes, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 7 June 2013,
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s41448/Minutes%2007062013%20Health%20Overview%20and%20Scrutiny%20Committee.pdf>

Appendix to Minutes, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 7 June 2013,
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s40889/Appendix%20to%20Minutes%20-%207%20June%202013.pdf>

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