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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 18 July 2014

Subject: Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust: Clinical Strategy

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.

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

1. Introduction

- (a) Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust has asked that the attached report be presented to the Committee.
- (b) Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust was established on 1 April 2000 to take over services previously run by the Kent and Sussex Weald NHS Trust and Mid Kent Healthcare NHS Trust. The Trust was responsible for three hospitals:
 - Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge Wells
 - Pembury Hospital
 - Maidstone Hospital
- (c) The two acute hospital sites in Tunbridge Wells (Kent and Sussex & Pembury) were consolidated into one modern facility, the Tunbridge Wells Hospital, on the former Pembury Hospital site. The Trust closed Kent & Sussex Hospital in September 2011, following the opening of the £230 million Tunbridge Wells Hospital. The Tunbridge Wells Hospital was a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) development and was the first NHS hospital in England to be built with 100% single rooms for inpatients.
- (d) The Trust is a large acute hospital trust which provides a full range of general hospital services to around 500,000 people living in the south of west Kent and parts of north east Sussex. The Trust's core catchment area is Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells and their surrounding boroughs. The Trust employs around 4,750 whole time equivalent staff.
- (e) In addition, the Trust provides specialist cancer services to 1.8 million people across Kent, Hastings and Rother, through the Kent Oncology Centre at Maidstone Hospital and unit at the Kent & Canterbury Hospital in Canterbury. The Trust also provides some services in community settings including the provision of stroke rehabilitation at the Tonbridge Cottage Hospital.

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the guests be thanked for their attendance and contributions today, and that there be ongoing engagement with HOSC as plans are developed with a return visit to a meeting of the Committee at the appropriate time.

Background Documents

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust (2014) '*Annual Report and Summary Accounts 2013/14 (20/05/2014)*',
<http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/userfiles/Public%20Board%20Papers%20May%202014.pdf>

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