

Item 9: East Kent CCGs: Talking Therapy Services

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Subject: East Kent CCGs: Talking Therapy Services

Summary: This invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by NHS Ashford CCG, NHS Canterbury and Coastal CCG, NHS South Kent Coast CCG and NHS Thanet CCG.

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) NHS Ashford CCG, NHS Canterbury and Coastal CCG, NHS South Kent Coast CCG and NHS Thanet CCG have asked for the attached report to be presented to the Committee.

2. Potential Substantial Variation of Service

- a) It is for the Committee to determine if the new service specification constitutes a substantial variation of service.
- (b) Where the HOSC deems the new service specification as not being substantial, this shall not prevent the HOSC from reviewing the proposed change at its discretion and making reports and recommendations to the CCGs.
- (c) Where the HOSC determines the new service specification to be substantial, a timetable for consideration of the change will need to be agreed between the HOSC and CCG after the meeting. The timetable shall include the proposed date that the CCGs intends to make a decision as to whether to proceed with the proposal and the date by which the HOSC will provide any comments on the proposal.

3. Recommendation

If the new service specification is *not substantial*:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee does not deem the new service specification for Talking Therapy Services in East Kent to be a substantial variation of service.
- (b) East Kent CCGs be invited to submit a report to the Committee in six months.

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3. Recommendation

If the new service specification is *substantial*:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee deems the new service specification for Talking Therapy Services in East Kent to be a substantial variation of service.
- (b) East Kent CCGs be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee in three months.

Background Documents

None

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