

## Item 7: Kent and Medway Specialist Vascular Services Review

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 9 October 2015

Subject: Kent and Medway Specialist Vascular Services Review

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Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by NHS England.

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

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### 1. Introduction

(a) On 17 July 2015 the Committee considered the case for change for the Kent and Medway Specialist Vascular Services Review. The Committee's deliberations resulted in agreeing the following recommendation:

- *RESOLVED that the report be noted and NHS England be invited to submit an update to the Committee at its September meeting.*

### 2. Potential Substantial Variation of Service

(a) If the Committee believes it has been provided with sufficient information, it may choose to make a determination as to whether the proposal constitutes a substantial variation of service, please refer to the recommendations below.

(b) The Committee may defer making a determination if it feels additional information is required and may request further briefings and attendance at future meetings of the Committee.

(b) Medway Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the item on 11 August 2015. They determined that this item constituted a substantial variation of service. If the HOSC determines the proposed service change to be substantial, a Joint HOSC will need to be established.

(c) If the HOSC deems the proposals as not being substantial, this does not prevent the HOSC from reviewing the proposals at its discretion and making reports and recommendations to NHS England.

(d) If the HOSC determines the proposals to be substantial, a timetable for consideration of the change will need to be agreed between the Joint HOSC and NHS England. The timetable will include the proposed date that NHS England 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.

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- (e) If a Joint HOSC is established, the power to refer to the Secretary of State will not be delegated to the joint committee, the power to refer will remain with the individual committees (Kent HOSC and Medway HASC) which appointed the joint committee.

### **3. Recommendation**

If the proposals are *not substantial*:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee does not deem the proposals to be a substantial variation of service.
- (b) NHS England be invited to submit a report to the Committee in six months.

If the proposals are *substantial*:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee deems the proposals to be a substantial variation of service.
- (b) a Joint HOSC be established with Medway Council, with the Kent HOSC receiving updates on the work of the Joint Committee.

### **Background Documents**

Kent County Council (2015) '*Agenda, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (17/07/2015)*',  
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=32771>

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