

Item 6: Kent and Medway Specialist Vascular Services Review

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To: Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 8 January 2016

Subject: Kent and Medway Specialist Vascular Services Review

Summary: This report invites the Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by NHS England South (South East).

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

1. Introduction

- (a) Regulation 23 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 requires relevant NHS bodies and health service providers (“responsible persons”) to consult a local authority about any proposal which they have under consideration for a substantial development of or variation in the provision of health services in the local authority’s area. This obligation requires notification and publication of the date on which it is proposed to make a decision as to whether to proceed with the proposal and the date by which Overview and Scrutiny may comment.
- (b) On 11 August 2015 the Medway Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the Kent and Medway Specialist Vascular Services Review. The Committee’s deliberations resulted in agreeing the following recommendation:
- *The Committee agreed that the reconfiguration of vascular services constituted a substantial variation and noted the arrangements in place for Kent Health Scrutiny Committee to be consulted which may necessitate the need for a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee to be established.*
- (c) On 17 July and 9 October 2015 the Kent Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the Kent and Medway Specialist Vascular Services Review. The Committee’s deliberations on 9 October resulted in agreeing the following recommendation:
- *RESOLVED 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.*

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- (d) Regulation 30 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 states that where relevant NHS bodies and health service consults more than one local authority on any proposal which they have under consideration for a substantial development of or variation in the provision of health services in the local authorities' areas, those local authorities must appoint a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) for the purposes of the consultation and only the JHOSC may:
- make comments on the proposal;
 - require the provision of information about the proposal;
 - require the relevant NHS bodies and health service providers to attend before it to answer questions in connection with the consultation.
- (e) The Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) has therefore been convened for the purpose of the consultation on the Kent and Medway Specialist Vascular Services Review.
- (f) The legislation makes provision for local authorities to report a contested substantial health service development or variation to the Secretary of State in certain circumstances, after reasonable steps have been taken locally to resolve any disagreement between the local authority and the relevant responsible person on any recommendations made by the local authority in relation to the proposal. A decision on whether to make a report to the Secretary of State would be a matter for the Kent County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees and/or the Medway Council Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee to make rather than the JHOSC.

2. Legal Implications

- (a) The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 govern the local authority health scrutiny function. The provisions in the regulations relating to proposals for substantial health service developments or variations are set out in the body of this report.

3. Financial Implications

- (a) There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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4. Recommendation

The Joint Committee is invited to:

- i. Consider and comment on the proposed clinical model of a single Kent and Medway arterial hub with spokes working in a network across Kent and Medway
- ii. Decide if any further information is required
- iii. Refer any relevant comments to NHS England (South East) and request they be taken into account during the development of the clinical model and further stakeholder engagement as applicable.
- iv. Invite NHS England South (South East) to present an update to the JHOSC Committee on 26 February 2016.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2015) '*Agenda, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (17/07/2015)*',

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=5841&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2015) '*Agenda, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (09/10/2015)*',

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=5843&Ver=4>

Medway Council (2015) '*Agenda, Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee*',

<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&MId=3255&Ver=4>

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