

Item 7: North Kent: Adult Community Services

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 29 January 2016

Subject: North Kent: Adult Community Services

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG and NHS Swale CCG.

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

1. Introduction

- (a) On 11 April 2014, the Committee considered the redesign of community services and out-of-hours services in the NHS Swale CCG area. At the end of the discussion, the Committee agreed the following recommendation:
- *RESOLVED that the Committee determines the proposed service change as a substantial variation of service and that a timetable for consideration of the change would be agreed between the HOSC and NHS Swale CCG after the meeting.*
- (b) On 10 October 2014, the Committee considered an update on the out-of-hours proposals as part of the wider reconfiguration and recommissioning of emergency and urgent care services by NHS Medway CCG, NHS Swale CCG and NHS Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley CCG. At the end of the discussion, the Committee agreed the following recommendation:
- *RESOLVED that:*
 - (a) *the Committee do not deem this change to be substantial.*
 - (b) *the guests be thanked for their attendance at the meeting, that they be requested to take note of the comments made by Members during the meeting and that they be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee in six months*
- (c) On 6 March 2015 and 5 June 2015 the Committee considered update reports on proposals for adult community services. At the end of the discussion on 5 June, the Committee agreed the following recommendation:
- *RESOLVED that:*
 - (a) *the Committee does not deem the changes to Adult Community Services to be a substantial variation of service.*
 - (b) *North Kent CCGs be invited to submit a report to the Committee in six months*

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2. Community Services

- (a) Community services are provided outside of hospitals in community settings, including in people's homes and in community clinics. Community services have a number of objectives, including promoting health and healthy behaviours, supporting people to manage long-term conditions, and providing treatment in a person's home or in the community to avoid hospital or residential care where possible (Monitor 2015).
- (b) Prior to 2009, the vast majority of Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) both commissioned and provided community health services. From 2009 to 2011, as part of the Department of Health's Transforming Community Services (TCS) programme, PCTs transferred their community services provider arms to existing providers or created new providers including NHS providers (community trusts, acute trusts and mental health trusts); independent providers (private companies, GP practices and hospices); and third sector (charities, community interest corporations, social enterprises and voluntary sector organisations) (Monitor 2015).
- (c) Community health services continue to be provided by a range of different providers and are a focus of several of the New Models of Care set out in the Five Year Forward View (particularly multispecialty community providers (MCPs) and integrated primary and acute care systems (PACS)).
- (d) The Health and Social Care Act 2012 established Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) which replaced PCTs on 1 April 2013; CCGs took responsibility for commissioning many community services. Local authorities became responsible for commissioning certain community-based public health services including alcohol and drug use prevention and treatment and sexual health services. NHS England also became responsible for commissioning certain public health services provided in the community, such as immunisations and national screening programmes (Monitor 2015).

3. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted and NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG and NHS Swale CCG be requested to provide the Committee with an update on the development of a new service model at the appropriate time.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2014) '*Agenda, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (11/04/2014)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=27880>

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