

Item 4: CQC Inspection Report: East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust

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Subject: CQC Inspection Report: East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust,

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

1. Introduction

- (a) CQC is the regulator of all health and adult social care services in England. Its purpose is to make sure that health and social care services provide people with safe, effective, compassionate, high-quality care and to encourage care services to improve. Its role is to monitor, inspect and regulate services to make sure they meet fundamental standards of quality and safety, and to publish what it finds, including performance ratings to help people choose care (CQC 2015).
- (b) East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust was originally inspected in March 2014 and led to an overall rating of inadequate and as a consequence the Trust was placed into special measures by Monitor. Monitor appointed an Improvement Director to provide support to the Trust and hold it to account for making progress against the Improvement Plan. The Committee considered the Trust's initial response to the inspection findings on 5 September 2014; the Trust's Improvement Plan on 10 October 2014 and an update on progress since the inspection on 5 June 2015.
- (c) The CQC was re-inspected the Trust in July 2015 and the inspection report was published in November 2015. The CQC rated the Trust as Requires Improvement but recommended that the Trust should remain in special measures for a further six months. The inspection reports can be viewed here:
 - [East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust](#)
 - [Buckland Hospital](#)
 - [Kent and Canterbury Hospital](#)
 - [Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital](#)
 - [Royal Victoria Hospital](#)
 - [William Harvey Hospital](#)

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted and the Trust be requested to provide an update to the Committee in six months.

Background Documents

CQC (2015) '*CQC Annual Report and Accounts 2014/15 (21/07/2015)*',
<http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/annual-report-201415>

Kent County Council (2014) '*Agenda, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (05/09/2014)*',
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=5399&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2014) '*Agenda, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (10/10/2014)*',
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=5400&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2015) '*Agenda, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (05/06/2015)*',
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