

Briefing from NHS West Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) following the decision by Kings College Hospital to withdraw outpatient clinics from Sevenoaks Hospital.

The decision by King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (KCH) to withdraw non-specialised outpatient clinics does not mean the end of Sevenoaks Hospital.


The CCG has recently commissioned proposals for the future development and use of the hospital and will bring these to the HOSC once the work is scoped.

The services that KCH has given notice on are for general outpatient clinics. They are accessed by west Kent residents when referred directly to clinics at Sevenoaks Hospital by their local GP.

There are currently three providers offering this type of clinic at Sevenoaks Hospital; Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust (MTW), Queen Victoria Hospital (East Grinstead) and KCH.

Discussions are in progress for MTW to take over the general outpatient clinics that KCH have said they will no longer provide at Sevenoaks Hospital, apart from dermatology. The CCG will look to alternative providers to continue this service.

Therefore, patients will still have access to outpatient clinics in the same general services at Sevenoaks Hospital including:

- Cardiology
 - Care of the elderly
 - Chest and thoracic
 - Dermatology
 - Diabetes
 - Ear, nose and throat (ENT)
 - Fracture
 - Gastroenterology
 - General surgery
 - Gynaecology
 - Maxillo-facial surgery
 - Ophthalmology
 - Orthopaedics
 - Paediatrics
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- Pain
- Plastics
- Rheumatology
- Trauma and orthopaedics
- Upper / lower gastro-intestinal surgery
- Urology
- Vascular.

Patients who wish to continue to attend clinics provided by KCH will have the option of going to Orpington for their on-going care.