

Item 10: Darent Valley Hospital: MRSA (Written Update)

By: John Lynch, Head of Democratic Services

To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 27 January 2017

Subject: Darent Valley Hospital: MRSA (Written Update)

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

It is a written briefing only and no guests will be present to speak on this item.

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

1. Introduction

(a) On 3 June 2016 the Committee considered reports regarding 14 incidences of MRSA at Darent Valley Hospital in 2015/16 and the actions being taken to reduce the incidence and improve patient safety and performance. The Committee agreed the following recommendation:

▪ *RESOLVED that:*

(a) *the reports provided by Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust and NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG be noted;*

(b) *Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust be requested to provide an update to the Committee in six months;*

(c) *the Chairman write a letter to the Secretary of State for Health and Chief Executive of Public Health England requesting a review of the Department of Health guidance on targeted admission screening for MRSA.*

(b) Subsequently the Vice-Chairman-in-the-Chair was made aware of Public Health England data which showed that since the introduction of targeted screening in 2014 MRSA infection rates had remained steady nationally. As a result of this information, the Vice-Chairman-in-the-Chair, in consultation with the group representatives, sent a letter to the Trust to say that he would not be writing to the Secretary of State for Health asking for a review of the guidance – it was felt that it was a local issue regarding infection control management at the Trust rather than the guidance.

2. Recommendation

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

Item 10: Darent Valley Hospital: MRSA (Written Update)

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2016) *'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (03/06/2016)'*, <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=38125>

Contact Details

Lizzy Adam
Scrutiny Research Officer
lizzy.adam@kent.gov.uk
03000 412775