

Item 6: EKHUFT Operational Issues

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 14 July 2017

Subject: EKHUFT Operational Issues

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

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

1. Introduction

- (a) On 29 January 2016 the Committee considered proposals to reclarify the model of care provided by the Emergency Care Centre at the Kent & Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury due to regulatory action by Health Education Kent Surrey and Sussex (HEKSS).
- (b) On 3 June 2016 the Committee considered an update on the implementation of the new model of care.
- (c) On 21 March 2017 the Committee was notified by the Trust that HEKSS had recommended the removal of a cohort of junior doctors from the Kent and Canterbury Hospital to the other main hospital sites in Ashford and Margate.
- (d) On 10 April 2017 the former Committee was notified by the Trust that hyper acute stroke services would be temporarily moved from the Kent and Canterbury Hospital to the other main hospital sites in Ashford and Margate.
- (e) On 13 June 2017 the new Committee was notified by the Trust that from 19 June there would be an emergency transfer of urgent care services from the Kent and Canterbury Hospital site on a temporary basis following the removal of the junior doctors.

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the reports be noted and East Kent Hospitals NHS University Foundation Trust be requested to:

- (a) provide a timeline outlining its response to regulatory action and emergency transfer of services;
- (b) present an update to the Committee about its long term strategy for acute sustainability in East Kent at the appropriate time.

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Background Documents

Kent County Council (2016) '*Agenda, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (29/01/2016)*',

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=36905>

Kent County Council (2016) '*Agenda, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (03/06/2016)*',

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=6259&Ver=4>

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