

Item 8: North Kent CCGs: Urgent & Emergency Care Programme

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 14 July 2017

Subject: North Kent CCGs: Urgent & Emergency Care Programme

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

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

1. Introduction

(a) On 27 January 2017 the Committee considered an update following the re-establishment of the urgent and emergency care programme in North Kent. The scope of the programme had changed from the one originally presented to the Committee on 10 October 2014 and 26 January 2016. The Committee agreed the following recommendation on 27 January 2017:

- *RESOLVED that the report be noted and NHS Swale CCG and NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG be requested to present the case for change and proposed clinical models to the Committee in March.*

(b) The former Chairman agreed to a request from NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG and NHS Swale CCG to postpone the item until after the KCC election.

(c) NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG and NHS Swale CCG have asked for the attached reports to be shared with the Committee:

NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG

pages 37 - 54

NHS Swale CCG

pages 55 - 70

The appendices referred to in the NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG paper regarding the engagement events can be viewed here – <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=14757>

The appendices referred to in the NHS Swale CCG paper regarding engagements events can be viewed here –

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2. Potential Substantial Variation of Service

(a) It is for the Committee to determine if the proposed changes to urgent and emergency care in North Kent constitute a substantial variation of service.

(b) Where the HOSC deems the proposed changes to urgent and emergency care in North Kent as not being substantial, this shall not prevent the HOSC

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from reviewing the proposed change at its discretion and making reports and recommendations to the CCG.

- (c) Where the HOSC determines the proposed changes to urgent and emergency care in North Kent to be substantial, a timetable for consideration of the change will need to be agreed between the HOSC and CCG after the meeting. The timetable shall include the proposed date that the CCG intends to make a decision as to whether to proceed with the proposal and the date by which the HOSC will provide any comments on the proposal.

3. Recommendation

If the proposed change to urgent and emergency care in North Kent is *not substantial*:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee does not deem the proposed changes to urgent and emergency care by the North Kent CCGs to be a substantial variation of service.
- (b) North Kent CCGs be invited to submit a report to the Committee in six months.

If the proposed change to urgent and emergency care in North Kent is *substantial*:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee deems proposed changes to urgent and emergency care by the North Kent CCG to be a substantial variation of service.
- (b) North Kent CCGs be invited to attend the September meeting of the Committee.

Background Documents

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

Kent County Council (2016) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (26/01/2016)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=6256&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2017) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (27/01/2017)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7507&Ver=4>

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