

Item 4: EKHUFT Operational Issues

By: John Lynch, Head of Democratic Services

To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 24 November 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 at the Emergency Care Centre.
- (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.
- (f) On 14 July 2017 the Committee considered a formal update about the emergency transfer of acute medicine from the Kent & Canterbury Hospital site on a temporary basis. The Committee agreed the following recommendation:
 - *RESOLVED that the reports be noted and East Kent Hospitals NHS University Foundation Trust be requested to:*
 - (a) *provide an update to the Committee on its response to regulatory action and emergency transfer of services;*

Item 4: EKHUFT Operational Issues

(b) *present an update to the Committee about its long term strategy for acute sustainability in East Kent.*

(g) The Chair has requested an update from the Trust on:

- the appointment of Susan Acott as interim Chief Executive and recruitment of a permanent Chief Executive;
- the reinstatement of services at Kent & Canterbury Hospital;
- A&E performance (including 4 hour target and admissions);
- the Trust's financial recovery plan;
- staff recruitment and morale.

(h) East Kent Hospitals NHS University Foundation Trust has asked for the attached reports to be shared with the Committee:

Kent & Canterbury Hospital Report	pages 21 – 22
Emergency Care Report	pages 23 – 24
Additional Update Report	pages 25 – 26

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the reports be noted and East Kent Hospitals NHS University Foundation Trust be requested to provide an update at the appropriate time.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2016) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (29/01/2016)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=36905>

Kent County Council (2016) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (03/06/2016)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=6259&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2017) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (14/07/2016)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=44858>

Contact Details

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