

Item 6: Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust: Update

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

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

1. Introduction

- (a) Dartford and Gravesham NHS was established as a legal entity on 1 November 1993 with headquarters based at Darent Valley Hospital in Dartford, Kent.
- (b) In October 2013, the Trust took on several services at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup and Erith and District Hospital as part of the dissolution of the South London Healthcare Trust. The Trust also provides services in Gravesham Community Hospital in Gravesend as well as several community locations across the local area. The Trust offers a range of acute services, with a bed-base of 544, to around 350-400,000 people in North Kent and South East London.
- (c) On 28 March 2018 the Trust were given a CQC overall rating of 'Requires improvement':

Safe	-	Requires improvement
Effective	-	Requires improvement
Caring	-	Good
Responsive	-	Requires improvement
Well-led	-	Requires improvement

2. Previous Committee Attendance and Requested Information

- (a) The Trust was last considered by the Committee in June 2016 and January 2017 regarding incidences of MRSA at Darent Valley Hospital in 2015/16. NHS Improvement were asked by the Trust to undertake an inspection / review of infection prevention and control practice at the hospital. As part of the Committee report the Trust have been requested to provide an update.
- (b) In addition, the Trust were also requested to provide information for a general overview of the key services provided, performance against NHS constitutional access targets, update on CQC inspection report and associated action plan, staffing and current financial position.

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- (c) From April 2016 to March 2018 the Trust collaborated with Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust on the Foundation Healthcare Group Vanguard as part of NHS England's New Care Models programme. Foundations for Change was subsequently published and tells the story of the programme. It led to the creation of the Guy's and St Thomas' Healthcare Alliance. Information on the programme and the Alliance was requested.
- (d) A written report on the Trust is attached for information.

3. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted, and Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust be requested to provide an update at the appropriate time.

Background Documents

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

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

Overview and CQC inspection ratings and report – Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust
<https://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RN7>

Vanguard – Foundation for Change
<https://www.dgt.nhs.uk/about-us/vanguard/>

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