

Item 5: Review of the Frank Lloyd Unit, Sittingbourne

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 19 September 2019

Subject: Review of the Frank Lloyd Unit, Sittingbourne

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by Kent and Medway CCGs.

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

1) Introduction

- a) The Frank Lloyd Unit is an inpatient unit for individuals with complex dementia needs and challenging behaviour.¹ It is accessed by patients across Kent and Medway.
- b) The service is provided by Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT).

2) Previous monitoring by the Kent HOSC

- (a) HOSC received a written briefing at their meeting on 21 September 2018, notifying them that the Unit was under review due to concerns around its sustainability.
- (b) The CCGs were due to return to HOSC with a detailed paper once the review had completed.
- (c) The HOSC was presented with further written updates at its June and July meetings. The CCG acknowledged that work had not progressed as anticipated and therefore a detailed report was not yet available.
- (d) During August and September, individual meetings were due to take place with patients, carers and families of current service users in order to share the proposed model of care and gain input to shape the final service.²
- (e) A detailed paper on the progress of the review is now available for the Committee.

3) Potential Substantial Variation of Service

- a) The Committee is asked to consider whether the proposals relating to the Frank Lloyd Unit, Sittingbourne, constitute a substantial variation of service.

¹ KMPT (2019) Frank Lloyd Unit, <https://www.kmpt.nhs.uk/our-services/frank-lloyd-unit/>

² Kent County Council (2018) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (23/07/19)'

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- b) Where the Committee deems the proposed changes as not being substantial, this shall not prevent the HOSC from reviewing the proposed changes at its discretion and making reports and recommendations to the NHS.

4) Recommendation

If the proposals relating to the Frank Lloyd Unit, Sittingbourne, are deemed substantial:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee deems that proposed changes to the Frank Lloyd Unit in Sittingbourne are a substantial variation of service.
- (b) NHS representatives be invited to attend this Committee and present an update at an appropriate time.

If the proposals relating to the Frank Lloyd Unit, Sittingbourne, are deemed not substantial:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee deems that proposed changes to the Frank Lloyd Unit in Sittingbourne are not a substantial variation of service.
- (a) NHS representatives be invited to attend this Committee and present an update at an appropriate time.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2018) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (21/09/18)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7921&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2019) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (06/06/19)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8281&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2019) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (23/07/19)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8282&Ver=4>

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