

Item 8: Urgent Care Review Programme – Swale

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 19 September 2019

Subject: North Kent CCGs: Urgent Care Review Programme – Swale CCG

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

It provides background information which may prove useful to Members.

1) Introduction

- a) The Local Urgent Care Programme review was first presented to HOSC in 2014 and since then there have been a number of updates. This item refers to face-to-face urgent care services, as opposed to telephony services which have been procured separately.
- b) NHS England now requires all areas to have an Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC), in a bid to reduce the pressure on A&E departments.
- c) Swale and Medway CCGs propose to run a combined procurement exercise for face-to-face urgent care services across the area. A previous procurement attempt was discontinued in November 2018 on the grounds that the published service specification would be unaffordable.¹

2) Previous engagement with HOSC

- a) The latest update to HOSC was on 23 July 2019 when the Committee received a verbal update. The CCG were in the process of considering the service specification, taking into account both qualitative and quantitative data they had compiled. Travel modelling was also being carried out.
- b) The Committee agreed the following recommendation:

RESOLVED that the update be noted, and that the CCG return to HOSC with a detailed report in September.

3) Potential Substantial Variation of Service

- a) The Committee is asked to review whether the Swale and Medway Urgent Care Review Programme proposals constitute a substantial variation of service.

¹ North Kent CCGs (2019) Swale Urgent Care Review Programme Update (p3)
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s88791/HOSC%20-%20Swale%20CCG%20-%20Urgent%20Care%20Update%20-%2025.01.19%20-%20Final%20Draft%20v10.01.19.pdf>

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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 proposed change to urgent care in Swale is *substantial*:

RECOMMENDED that:

(a) the Committee deems proposed changes to urgent care in Swale to be a substantial variation of service.

(b) Swale CCG be invited to attend this Committee and present an update at an appropriate meeting once the timescale has been confirmed.

If the proposed change to urgent care in Swale is *not substantial*:

RECOMMENDED that:

(a) the Committee does not deem the proposed changes to urgent care by the Swale CCG to be a substantial variation of service.

(b) the report be noted.

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>

Kent County Council (2017) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (14/07/2017)', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7530&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2018) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (23/11/2018)', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7923&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2019) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (25/01/2019)', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7924&Ver=4>

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

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