

Item 6: Urgent Care Review Programme – Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley

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To: Bexley and Kent Urgent Care Review Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 29 January 2020

Subject: North Kent CCGs: Urgent Care Review Programme – Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG

Summary: This report invites the Bexley and Kent Urgent Care Review Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley.

It provides background information which may prove useful to Members.

1) Introduction

- a) Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (DGS CCG) made the Kent HOSC aware of their Urgent Care Review programme in 2014. In line with NHS England requirements, the CCG proposes to bring urgent care services, currently located across a number of sites, together under a single Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) model of care.
- b) A public consultation ran from 12 August to 4 November 2019. The proposals as presented were to create a new UTC at either Gravesham Community Hospital or Darent Valley Hospital by autumn 2020.

2) Previous monitoring by Health Scrutiny

- a) The Kent HOSC determined that the proposed changes amounted to a substantial variation to the local health service in January 2019.
- b) Bexley Council's Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (COSC) also deemed the proposed changes to be a substantial variation to health services for residents of Bexley.
- c) In line with health scrutiny legislation, Kent County Council and Bexley Council formed a joint health overview and scrutiny committee (JHOSC) for the purpose of health scrutiny consultation with DGS CCG.
- d) Due to timescales, the Kent HOSC received a report from DGS CCG on the outcome of the public consultation at its meeting on 16 December 2019. Two Councillors from Bexley Council also attended and contributed to the discussion. That meeting was the final opportunity for Kent and Bexley

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Councillors to have their views fed into the CCG's Decision-Making Business Case prior to the NHS making a decision

- e) The CCG Governing Body considered the Decision-Making Business Case on 16 January 2020 and made their final decision.

3) Next Steps

- a) The Terms of Reference of the Bexley and Kent Urgent Care Review Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee require it to consider whether the decision of the DGS CCG on 16 January 2020 should be referred to the Secretary of State. The power of referral itself is not delegated to the JHOSC.
- b) Any recommendation agreed by the Bexley and Kent Urgent Care Review Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be communicated to Bexley Council's Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Kent County Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to consider the decision of the DGS CCG Governing Body on 16 January 2020, and take one of the following actions:

- a) Support the decision of the DGS CCG Governing Body and make any additional comments the Committee deems appropriate; or
- b) Specify concerns that the Committee has with the decision of the DGS CCG Governing Body and recommend that Bexley Council's Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Kent County Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider referral.
- c) Note the report.

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>

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