

Item 7: East Kent Transformation

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 5 March 2020

Subject: East Kent Transformation

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

It provides background information which may prove useful to Members.

This is a written update only and no NHS representatives will be present at the meeting.

1) Introduction

- a) The programme of work under consideration for this item has been in development for a number of years. In November 2017 the NHS announced a 'medium list' of two potential options and has been working since then on developing these options.¹ The shortlist of options was announced on 16 January 2020.²

2) Substantial Variation of Service

- a) Medway Council's Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HASC) considered the proposals relating to Transforming Health and Care in East Kent on 16 October 2018. They determined that the reconfiguration constituted a substantial variation in the provision of health services in Medway.
- b) The Kent Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) most recently considered the item on 21 September 2018. The Committee has also deemed the changes to be a substantial variation in the provision of health services in Kent.
- c) In light of the above, and in line with Regulation 30 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, formal scrutiny of the East Kent Transformation lies with the Kent and Medway Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC).
- d) The JHOSC may consider whether the reconfiguration should be referred to the Secretary of State under regulation 23(9) of the 2013 Regulations. The JHOSC must recommend a course of action to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The JHOSC cannot itself refer a decision to the Secretary of State. This responsibility lies with the Kent County Council HOSC

¹ <https://www.ekhft.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/about-us/delivering-our-future/>

² <https://kentandmedway.nhs.uk/latest-news/nhs-leaders-in-east-kent-confirm-shortlist-for-hospital-improvements/>

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and/or the Medway Council HASC separately, once the JHOSC has concluded its work.

- e) The Kent and Medway JHOSC received an update from the East Kent CCGs on 6 February 2020.

3) The role of the Kent HOSC

- a) Due to the significant impact that the proposed changes in East Kent may have on Kent residents, it has been decided that the East Kent CCGs will continue to update HOSC on the transformation programme. Whilst a discussion at today's meeting will be possible, the Kent HOSC can ultimately only "note" the report until such time that the Kent and Medway JHOSC make a recommendation to it.

3. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the Committee note the report.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2018) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (27/04/2018)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7846&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2018) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (08/06/2018)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7918&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2018) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (20/07/2018)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7919&Ver=4>

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

Medway Council (2018) '*Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (16/10/2018)*', <https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=19800>

Kent County Council (2020) '*Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, (16/10/2018)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=757&MId=8624&Ver=4>

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