

Item 13: Edenbridge Primary and Community Care

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 22 July 2020

Subject: Edenbridge Primary and Community Care

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

It provides background information which may prove useful to Members.

It is a written briefing only and no guests will be present to speak on this item.

1) Introduction

- a) Historically, health services in Edenbridge have been provided by a GP Practice (“Edenbridge Medical Practice”), an at home service through Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT) and the Edenbridge and District War Memorial Hospital.
- b) The GP surgery and Hospital were both deemed unsuitable for modern healthcare needs, therefore the NHS West Kent CCG carried out a consultation in 2017 to develop a vision for a more modern and integrated service in new facilities.

2) Previous visits to HOSC

- a) HOSC were first made aware of emerging proposals for primary and community care in Edenbridge as part of a wider item on local care in West Kent in November 2016.
- b) On 27 January 2017 the Committee considered an update about the proposals to co-locate the GP surgery and community services in Edenbridge. The Committee decided the proposed changes did not constitute a substantial variation of service but would re-consider this position following the next update.
- c) On 14 July 2017 the Committee considered the proposals following the public consultation around plans. The CCG reported that there was strong support for bringing the GP practice and community hospital together on a new site.
- d) At that meeting, the Committee again determined that the changes did not constitute a substantial variation of service and asked to be updated once the CCG Governing Body had made their decision on 25 July 2017.
- e) The CCG's preferred option for the future of Edenbridge health services was to build a new integrated surgery/hospital on a new site without inpatient beds, but with a wide range of other services including daybeds.

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- f) The minutes from the 25 July 2017 West Kent CCG Governing Body meeting show that the above preferred option was approved. Implementation would be progressed by the parties involved.¹
- g) HOSC received a written update on 21 September 2018. The report highlighted areas of progress in relation to the clinical model workstream, communications and engagement, site identification (dependant on the Local Plan) and financing (the outcome of a capital bid to NHS England was due in late 2018). The Committee resolved to note the report.
- h) The CCG has provided the attached update for the Committee on the progress made.

3. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the Committee consider and note the report.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2016) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (25/11/2016)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=42582>

Kent County Council (2017) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (27/01/2017)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=43321>

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

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

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¹ West Kent CCG (2017) NHS West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body Meeting (22 August 2017)
<https://www.westkentccg.nhs.uk/EasysiteWeb/getresource.axd?AssetID=453819&type=Full&servicetype=Attachment>