

Item 9: Edenbridge Primary and Community Care (written update)

By: Kay Goldsmith, Scrutiny Research Officer

To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 17 September 2020

Subject: Edenbridge Primary and Community Care (written update)

---

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 have received updates on the primary and community care proposals in Edenbridge since 2016. The changes were not deemed to be a substantial variation of service.
- b) 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.
- c) At its last meeting on the 22 July 2020, the Committee received a written update on the progress of the project. A Member of the Committee raised a number of points, which were relayed to the Kent and Medway CCG after the meeting with a request for a response. The issues were:
  - i. Assurance over the timings in the Project Plan set out in 6.3 of the report, especially in light of any delays due to coronavirus.
  - ii. The flexibility of the new building to expand and whether there would be sufficient parking.
  - iii. Whether there would be continuation of the current Minor Injuries Unit and X-Ray services in new build.

Item 9: Edenbridge Primary and Community Care (written update)

- iv. Whether there was an intention to block purchase inpatient beds to deal with any overflow from Pembury Hospital.
  - v. What the potential investors mentioned on paragraph 3 of the agenda pack would be investing in, and whether this involved the new build or some space on the land. Also, the involvement of KCC in these decisions so far.
  - vi. The nature of the investors Assura plc.
- d) The attached report provides a response addressing these issues.

**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&MId=7530&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>

Kent County Council (2020) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (22/07/2020)*',  
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8496&Ver=4>

**Contact Details**

Kay Goldsmith  
Scrutiny Research Officer  
[kay.goldsmith@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kay.goldsmith@kent.gov.uk)  
03000 416512