

Item 9: Mental health transformation - Eradication of mental health dormitory wards – written update

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 16 September 2021

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Summary: This report falls under the transformation of mental health services in Kent and Medway.

The Committee has determined that this workstreams does not constitute a substantial variation of service.

1) Introduction

- a) The Committee received a paper at its 10 June 2021 meeting setting out the proposal to remove the final mental health dormitory ward in Kent & Medway. The ward is called Ruby Ward and is currently located at Medway Hospital.
- b) Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT) has been allocated £12.56m of capital funding to replace dormitory wards used by older adults with mental health issues, including dementia, with purpose-built accommodation.
- c) KMPT are seeking to use the funding to support the construction of a new facility on the KMPT Maidstone site, which will increase overall capacity by two beds.
- d) Following discussion, the Committee determined the proposal did not constitute a substantial variation of service.
- e) KMCCG began a seven week public consultation on Tuesday 3rd August and it will run until midnight on 21st September. They have asked that the attached written update be presented to HOSC for their information.

2) Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the update on the eradication of mental health dormitory wards be noted and the Kent & Medway CCG be invited to provide an update at the appropriate time.

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Background Documents

Kent County Council (2021) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (10/06/21)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8501&Ver=4>

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