

Title of meeting:	Kent Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)	Date 05/10/23
Title of report:	Briefing on Section 136 Pathway and Health Based Place of Safety Service Improvement – outcome of Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board’s decision on final Business Case	
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This Briefing serves to inform the Kent Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the decision made by NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board, to approve the Section 136 Pathway and Health Based Place of Safety Service Improvement Decision Making Business Case (DMBC).

The DMBC was presented to HOSC on 19 July where the HOSC Chair requested that concerns over the risk of the single site of failure be documented in the DMBC; this has been done. The Chair also requested images of the Maudsley site for the meeting on 5th October 2023, which can be found at <https://www.willmott-dixon-interiors.co.uk/work/south-london-maudsley-place-of-safety/>

The Chair asked that a link to the published results from the Public Consultation be circulated which has since been completed. The Chair invited the guests to return to the next meeting in October with the decision of the ICB.

The DMBC was produced in collaboration with Kent and Medway NHS Partnership Trust (KMPT), Kent Police, South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECamb), Kent County council and Medway Council Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHPs) and experts by experience, followed the successful bid for £3.7m against national capital funding, ringfenced for Mental Health Urgent and Emergency Care (MHUEC) service improvement.

The Service Improvement will transform the Section 136 Pathway and Health Based Places of Safety (HBPoS), and support critical components of the Mental Health Urgent and Emergency Care pathway. Following appraisal of a number of service improvement options, the decision has been taken to provide an improved centralised Health Based Place of Safety at Maidstone, available for adults detained under a section 136 wherever they live in Kent and Medway. It will replace the current three smaller HBPoS sites at Maidstone, Dartford and Canterbury which are outdated, and physically lacking in resilience, to create a single large facility with equal capacity. This will provide a modern fit for purpose therapeutic environment and the opportunity for improved patient experience, safety and care via an improved patient pathway, and additionally enables a more robust, resilient and sustainable workforce. This will see quicker access for detained individuals to assessment and a reduction in the overall detention



duration in a section 136 HBPOs. This leads to a better quality of patient care and overall patient experience.

An extensive ICB led Public Consultation contributed to the DMBC, along with scrutiny by NHS England's Assurance Process. In August Kent Healthwatch undertook a Good Practice Scrutiny of the Public Consultation, concluding that the Consultation process was positive and strong with no major concerns.

Both the Medway Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (HASC), and Kent Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) have been engaged throughout this process.

NHS Kent and Medway initially consulted the Kent Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) on 31st January 2023. HOSC Members decided that the changes proposed constituted a substantial variation of service which invoked the statutory process for the need for Kent and Medway NHS to work with HOSC on this proposal.

NHS Kent and Medway asks Kent HOSC to note the decision made by NHS Kent and Medway to approve the Decision Making Business Case.

It is important that the work begins as soon as possible, to ensure the capital funding allocation meets the drawdown of funds and the new provision is completed by the end of 24/25 to meet the national deadline set by NHSE for Kent and Medway.