

Item: Temporary changes at Sevenoaks Hospital

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 17 July 2024

Subject: Temporary changes at Sevenoaks Hospital

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT).

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

1) Introduction

- a) Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT) provide wide-ranging NHS care for people in the community, in a range of settings including people's own homes, nursing homes, health clinics, community hospitals, urgent treatment centres and mobile units. They provide services to residents across Kent, East Sussex and London.
- b) Sevenoaks Community Hospital is a 19 bed in-patient unit that provides rehabilitation and intermediate care services. There are two bays – Holmesdale (female) and Stanhope (male).
- c) On 19 June 2024, the Trust announced that following a planned evacuation exercise, they were making urgent temporary changes to move inpatient rehabilitation beds from Sevenoaks Hospital to alternative sites.
- d) As set out in paragraph 17.151 of the [Constitution](#), the NHS is not required to consult with the Committee where the NHS has acted because of a risk to patient safety or to ensure the welfare of patients or staff. Where this has been the case, the Committee shall be informed as soon as possible. The Trust has therefore provided the attached update for the Committee's information. The Chair agreed this would be a written update, with any questions passed to the Trust via the clerk after the meeting.

2) Recommendation

- a) RECOMMENDED that the Committee consider and note the report.

Background Documents

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