

Item: Learning Disability Services site move

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 2 October 2024

Subject: Learning Disability Services site move

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

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. Earlier in the year, the Chair of HOSC met officers from KCHFT to discuss the proposed move of Learning Disability services from 2 sites (in Dover and Folkestone) to the Dover Health Centre.
- 1.2. The Chair invited the Trust to provide an update to the Committee once more information was available.

## 2. Potential Substantial variation of service

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to review whether this proposal constitutes a substantial variation of service. There are no formal criteria setting out what a substantial variation of service is, and it is down to the Committee to decide.
- 2.2. Where the Committee decides a proposal is substantial, the NHS is required to consult with it prior to a final decision being made. The NHS always remains the decision-maker though must take the comments of the Committee into account.
- 2.3. In considering substantial variations of service, the Committee will take into account the resource envelope within which the relevant NHS organisations operate and will therefore take into account the effect of the proposals on the sustainability of services, as well as on their quality and safety.

## 3. Recommendation

*3.1. If the proposals relating to the Learning Disability services site are deemed substantial:*

RECOMMENDED that:

- a) the Committee deems that proposals relating to the Learning Disability services site are a substantial variation of service.

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- b) NHS representatives be invited to attend this Committee and present an update at an appropriate time.

*3.2. If the proposals relating to the Learning Disability services site are not deemed substantial:*

RECOMMENDED that:

- a) the Committee deems that proposals relating to the Learning Disability services site are not a substantial variation of service.
- b) NHS representatives be invited to attend this Committee and present an update at an appropriate time.

### **Background Documents**

None

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