

Item 5: Intensive Recovery Programme Update

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Subject: Intensive Recovery Programme Update

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by the East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust.

1) Introduction

- a) In March 2026, the Health and Social Care Secretary placed EKHUFT into the NHS Intensive Recovery Programme (IRP), whose aim is to deliver sustainable step change.
- b) EKHUFT is one of only five trusts in the IRP, reflecting the seriousness of the challenges it faces. The Trust has delivered several improvement but more needs to be done to achieve the progress required.

2) Recommendation

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

Background Documents

None.

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