

## Item 6a: Urgent Care Review Programme - DGS

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 23 July 2019

Subject: North Kent CCGs: Urgent Care Review Programme – Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG

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Summary: **This has been deemed a substantial variation of service.**

This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley and Swale CCGs.

It provides background information which may prove useful to Members.

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### 1. Introduction

- (a) The urgent care review programme was first presented to HOSC in 2014 and since then there have been a number of updates. This paper refers to face-to-face urgent care services, as opposed to telephony services which have been procured separately.
- (b) NHS England now requires all areas to have an Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC), in a bid to reduce the pressure on A&E departments.
- (c) The DGS proposal will see urgent care services, currently located across a number of centres, brought together under one Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC). A procurement exercise has been paused whilst site options are considered.
- (d) The latest update to HOSC was on 25 January 2019 when the Committee considered a report from the Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG.
- (e) Two options were presented to the Committee for the location of the UTC:
  - i. Gravesham Community Hospital;
  - ii. Darent Valley Hospital

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(f) The Committee agreed the following recommendation:

*RESOLVED that:*

*(a) The Committee deems proposed changes to urgent care in Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley to be a substantial variation of service;*

*(b) Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG be invited to attend this Committee and present an update at an appropriate meeting once the timescales have been confirmed.*

(g) The CCG have been requested to provide an update to the Committee on the two options set out on 25 January 2019.

### **2. Recommendation**

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted, and North Kent CCGs be requested to provide an update to the Committee at the appropriate time.

### **Background Documents**

Kent County Council (2014) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (10/10/2014)', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=5400&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2016) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (26/01/2016)', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=6256&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2017) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (27/01/2017)', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7507&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2017) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (14/07/2017)', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7530&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2018) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (23/11/2018)', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7923&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2019) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (25/01/2019)', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7924&Ver=4>

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