

Item 6b: Urgent Care Review Programme – Swale (verbal update)

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Subject: North Kent CCGs: Urgent Care Review Programme – Swale CCG (verbal update)

Summary: This report provides background information which may prove useful to Members.

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) Swale and Medway CCGs propose to run a combined procurement exercise for face-to-face urgent care services across the area. A previous procurement attempt was discontinued in November 2018 on the grounds that the published service specification would be unaffordable.¹
- (d) The latest update to HOSC was on 25 January 2019 when the Committee considered a report from the Swale CCG.
- (e) The Committee agreed the following recommendation:

RESOLVED that the Committee receive an update on the CCG's procurement progress in March 2019.
- (f) The CCG is unable to provide a detailed update at this meeting, and therefore have been asked to update Members verbally around the progress with procurement.

2. Recommendation

RESOLVED that the Committee receive an update on the CCG's procurement progress at the appropriate time.

¹ North Kent CCGs (2019) Swale Urgent Care Review Programme Update (p3)
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s88791/HOSC%20-%20Swale%20CCG%20-%20Urgent%20Care%20Update%20-%2025.01.19%20-%20Final%20Draft%20v10.01.19.pdf>

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Background Documents

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