

Item 11: The Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Stroke Service

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 23 July 2019

Subject: The Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Stroke Service

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by NHS West Kent CCG and Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.

1. Introduction

- a) The Chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee received notification on 12 July 2019 that an urgent issue had come to light in which NHS West Kent CCG and Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust needed to provide a briefing to Members at the earliest opportunity.
- b) Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust need to institute some short-term changes to Stoke provision between the two sites at Pembury and Maidstone because of staffing issues.
- c) The regulations allow health professionals to make decisions without consulting HOSC where they determine that a decision has to be taken “without allowing time for consultation because of a risk to the safety or welfare of patients or staff”.¹

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the Committee consider and note the report and request an update from the CCG and Trust at an appropriate time.

Background Documents

None

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¹ The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, Section 23, <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/218/regulation/23/made?view=plain>