

Item 6: Edenbridge Memorial Health Centre

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Subject: Edenbridge Memorial Health Centre

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust Community (KCHFT).

It provides background information which may prove useful to Members.

1) Introduction

- a) Historically, health services in Edenbridge have been provided by a GP Practice ("Edenbridge Medical Practice"), an at home service through Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT), and the Edenbridge and District War Memorial Hospital.
- b) The GP surgery and Hospital were both deemed unsuitable for modern healthcare needs, therefore the NHS West Kent CCG carried out a consultation in 2017 to develop a vision for a more modern and integrated service in new facilities.
- c) The outcome was the creation of the Edenbridge Memorial Health Centre.

2) Previous visits to HOSC

- a) HOSC has received updates on the primary and community care proposals in Edenbridge since 2016. The changes were not deemed to be a substantial variation of service.
- b) The Committee received its last formal update in July 2020. At that time, the completion date was scheduled to be 1 December 2021, subject to the impact of Covid-19.

3) Recent updates

- a) In December 2022, KCHFT notified the committee that the Edenbridge Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) would be temporarily closed until 18 January 2023 due to staff shortages and sickness. The team at the MIU was shared with that at Sevenoaks Urgent Treatment Centre.
- b) A further briefing note was received in February confirming that construction was underway and is due to complete in the autumn.
- c) Listening events are planned until 31 March 2023 to understand what additional services the local population would like to see housed in the centre, along with consideration of the role of the MIU.

4. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the Committee consider and note the report and invite the NHS to present an update at the appropriate time.

Background Documents

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