

Item 5: Maternity Services at East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 10 May 2023

Subject: East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust - Maternity Services

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

1) Introduction

- a) In February 2023, HOSC were notified by EKHUFT that the Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) had decided to withdraw its student midwives on placement at William Harvey Hospital. Placements stopped on Friday 10 February 2023. Placements at QEQM Hospital remain in place.
- b) Student midwives are additional to the core staffing rota therefore the Trust were confident the service to women would not be affected.
- c) The Committee has requested that the Trust attend today's meeting to provide an update on the situation and what action is being taken to address the concerns raised.

2) Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the Committee note the update and the Trust be invited to return at an appropriate time.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2020) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (05/03/20)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8286&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2020) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (22/07/20)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8496&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2020) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (17/09/20)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8497&Ver=4>

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Care Quality Commission, East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust, Overview and CQC inspection ratings, <https://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RVV>

Reading the signals - Maternity and neonatal services in East Kent – the Report of the Independent Investigation (2022), <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/maternity-and-neonatal-services-in-east-kent-reading-the-signals-report>

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