

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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MEDWAY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST – CQC INSPECTION – ADDENDUM REPORT

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Summary

This addendum includes details of a Care Quality Commission inspection report, which was released on Wednesday 24 September 2014, and an exempt appendix relating to a confidential briefing from NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

1. Background

- 1.1. Since despatch of the agenda for this meeting the Care Quality Commission has released its inspection report from its unannounced inspection of the Accident and Emergency Department at Medway Maritime Hospital on 27 and 28 July 2014, attached at Appendix 1. Inspectors have since carried out a further unannounced inspection and have taken further action. The report from that further inspection – representing a more up to date view of the department – will be published in the next few weeks.
- 1.2. NHS Medway CCG has supplied a confidential briefing note notifying the Committee of immediate action it is proposing to take in response to the findings of the CQC Inspection. Regulation 23 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 requires a relevant NHS body to consult this Committee (or the Joint Kent and Medway Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee where a reconfiguration requires consultation with more than one local authority) where it has under consideration any proposal for a substantial development or substantial variation of the health service in Medway.
- 1.3. Regulation 23 (2) dispenses with the requirement for consultation in specified circumstances where a decision needs to be taken urgently and there is no time for consultation with Overview and Scrutiny. In the present case, a decision to proceed with action relating to the Accident and Emergency

Department at the hospital has been taken without allowing time for consultation with this Committee, the KCC Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee or the Joint Kent and Medway HOSC. The reasons for the decision to take the action proposed without consultation with Overview and Scrutiny are set out in full in the exempt appendix to this Addendum report.

- 1.3. The Committee has the power to report to the Secretary of State if it is not satisfied that the reasons given by the NHS for concluding that a decision had to be taken without allowing time for consultation with overview and scrutiny are adequate.

Background papers:

None.

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