

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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UPDATE ON MEDWAY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

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Summary

This report informs the Committee of progress made since the Chief Executive and the Chairman of the Trust attended the June 2016 meeting of the Committee. The report focuses on the improvement plan put in place following the Care Quality Commission's (CQC) January 2016 inspection report on the Trust and the progress made to date. The Trust currently remains in special measures, with a further inspection due to take place on 29/30 November. The report also responds to a number of specific questions raised by the Committee at the June meeting.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 Under the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 the Council may review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in Medway. In carrying out health scrutiny a local authority must invite interested parties to comment and take account of any relevant information available to it, and in particular, relevant information provided to it by a local Healthwatch. The Council has delegated responsibility for discharging this function to this Committee and to the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in the Council's Constitution.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Chief Executive and then Chairman of Medway NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) attended the June 2016 meeting of the Committee to discuss the progress made on the Trust's recovery programme.
- 2.2. At the meeting, some Committee Members congratulated the Trust on the progress made so far, whilst recognising that further improvements were still needed.
- 2.3. The report provided by the Trust (appendix 1) gives an update on developments since the June 2016 meeting.

- 2.4. It was announced on 17 October 2016 that Shena Winning had stepped down from her position as Chairman of the Trust.
- 2.5. The Care Quality Commission has announced that it will be inspecting the Trust once again on 29/30 November 2016. The Committee was invited to share information that it considered would inform the inspection. Further details, including the submission sent to the CQC can be found in agenda item 10, the Work Programme report.

3. Risk management

- 3.1. There are no specific risk implications for Medway Council arising directly from this report.

4. Legal and Financial Implications

- 4.1. There are no legal or financial implications for the Council directly arising from this report.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1. The Committee is asked to comment on the progress report produced by Medway NHS Foundation Trust (Appendix 1) and consider when a further update should be brought to the Committee.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Progress report from Medway NHS Foundation Trust.

Background papers:

Care Quality Commission (CQC) – Medway NHS Foundation Trust Quality Report
www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RPA