

# HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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## **MEDWAY INTEGRATED URGENT CARE REDESIGN**

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### **Summary**

This report updates the Committee on the review and redesign of urgent care across North Kent. The redesign of these services had previously been determined to be a substantial development of or variation in the provision of health services in Medway, triggering a statutory obligation on the relevant NHS bodies and health service providers to consult with overview and scrutiny. Due to the previous pause in the project work while the publication of guidance from NHS England was awaited and the subsequent development of the proposals, Medway Clinical Commissioning Group will reassess whether the proposed changes amount to a substantial service reconfiguration. This assessment will be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.

This report updates the Committee on the development of the proposals since the last update was presented to the Committee in August 2016.

### **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.
- 1.2 In addition, there is a statutory requirement on relevant NHS bodies and health service providers to consult with overview and scrutiny about any

proposal which they have under consideration for a substantial development of or variation in the provision of health services in the local authority's area.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1. On 30 September 2014, the Committee was advised of a proposal to review and redesign urgent care services across North Kent in response to national recognition that the current system for delivering urgent and emergency care was under significant pressure. NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group assessed that the proposals would amount to a substantial variation to the health service across Kent and Medway. The Committee agreed with this assessment, which triggered a requirement for formal consultation with overview and scrutiny under regulation 23 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny Regulations) 2013. At the time, Kent County Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee did not deem the proposed review to constitute a substantial health service development or variation from their point of view. The matter was, therefore, dealt with by the respective Health Scrutiny Overview and Scrutiny Committees of the two local authorities rather than by the Joint Kent and Medway Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC).
- 2.2. On 31 March 2015, the Committee received an update on development of the proposals. A further update had been expected in Summer 2015, but in the intervening period the review was paused by NHS England, pending the provision of revised commissioning standards. This guidance was published in September 2015, which enabled the work to be re-commenced.
- 2.3. The Committee was last updated on progress at the August 2016 meeting. It was agreed at that meeting that a further update would be provided to the Committee in early 2017. This would be ahead of stakeholder development being undertaken and an outline business case being developed.
- 2.4. It is proposed that a further report is brought to the Committee in June 2017, following development of an outline business case. Medway NHS CCG will reassess whether the proposals amount to a substantial health service variation and the Committee will be asked to determine whether it agrees with this assessment.
- 2.5. The Kent Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will also be invited to consider whether the proposals amount to a substantial service variation. In the event that Medway and Kent both determine that the variation is substantial, this would require the matter to be referred to and dealt with by the Kent and Medway Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC).
- 2.6. The Programme Brief, as provided by NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group, is attached to this covering report as Appendix 1.

### **3. Risk management**

- 3.1 A list of risks identified by Medway NHS CCG and mitigating actions are attached as appendix 3 of the report.

### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1 A Whole System stakeholder engagement event to test the proposed draft model is scheduled to take place in February or March 2017. The CCG is aware of the governance processes and consultation required to progress the wider urgent care redesign due to the substantial changes involved.
- 4.2 If the proposals are determined to amount to a substantial development or variation in health service provision then there will be a statutory requirement for overview and scrutiny to be consulted.

### **5. Financial implications**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications for the Council directly arising from this report.

### **6. Legal implications**

- 6.1 This report provides an update on the development of the Medway Integrated Urgent Care Redesign. There are no direct legal implications to the Council at this stage. However, Regulation 23 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 requires relevant NHS bodies and health service providers (“responsible persons”) to consult a local authority about any proposal which they have under consideration for a substantial development of or variation in the provision of health services in the local authority’s area. It is proposed that NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group’s assessment of whether the proposals amount to a substantial variation will be presented to the Committee once it has been determined what changes it is proposed to make to Urgent Care Services.

### **7. Recommendations**

- 7.1 NHS Medway CCG asks the Committee to note and comment on the update attached as Appendix 1 regarding Urgent Care Redesign and to agree that a further update, including an assessment of whether the proposals amount to substantial development of or variation in the provision of health services in Medway, be presented to the Committee in June 2017.

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## **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Medway Integrated Urgent Care Redesign Programme Brief  
Appendix 2: Project Timeline  
Appendix 3: Identified Risks

## **Background papers**

None.