

## 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 has 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.

The attached report from NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) updates the Committee on the development of the proposals since the last update was presented to Committee in January 2017.

#### 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.
- 2.2 The Committee was last updated on progress at the January 2017 meeting. The Committee was advised that the project to redesign Medway Integrated Urgent Care was divided into two distinct parts, face-to-face services and non-face to-face services. The face-to-face aspect of the work is specific to Medway, while non face-to-face services, which included the reprocurement of the NHS 111 services is taking place in conjunction with the majority of CCGs in the South East.
- 2.3 The timeline of the redesign has been extended to May 2019, in order to take account of reprocurement of the NHS 111 service in Sussex and work in relation to the Medway Model as part of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan process. The public consultation period has been brought forward to ensure sufficient time for this aspect of the work.
- 2.4 An update provided by NHS Medway CCG is attached as Appendix 1. Also attached is a revised timeline for the redesign along with the Communication and Engagement Plan and Draft Consultation document. These documents are being presented to the Committee for consideration and comment ahead of commencement of public consultation in July.

## **3. Risk management**

- 3.1 A list of risks identified by Medway NHS CCG and mitigating actions are attached as Appendix 5 of this report.

## **4. Consultation**

- 4.1 As the proposals have previously been determined to amount to a substantial development or variation in health service provision, there is a statutory requirement for overview and scrutiny to be consulted.
- 4.2 It is proposed that public consultation will commence in July 2017. The proposals are attached to this report as appendix 1.

## **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. The Committee has previously determined that proposals do amount to a substantial variation.

## **7. Recommendations**

- 7.1 NHS Medway CCG asks the Committee to note and comment on the update provided on the Integrated Urgent Care Redesign, including the Communication and Engagement Plan and Draft Consultation document and to agree when the next update should be presented to the Committee.

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### **Appendices**

Appendix 1:	Update provided by Medway NHS CCG
Appendix 2:	Timeline
Appendix 3:	Communication and Engagement Plan
Appendix 4:	Draft Consultation Document
Appendix 5:	Identified Risks

### **Background papers**

None.