

## **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 guidance received since the last update was presented to Committee in June 2017.

The Committee is asked to consider whether formal public consultation is still required or whether strong engagement with the public and partners will provide a reasonable level of input to properly shape the plans.

#### **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 June 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 CCGs in the west of Kent and Medway. The update clarified the plan to move the walk in centre at Balmoral Gardens to a new Urgent Care Centre at Medway Maritime Hospital.
- 2.3 Appendix 1 sets out a proposal to move from consultation to engagement based on: the evolution and simplification of the urgent care model since it was first presented to the Committee, the need to consider urgent care in a wider context of services, the fit with national requirements for Urgent Treatment Centres, and new guidance from NHS England.
- 2.4 Appendix 1 also confirms that the amount of planned discussions with local people will be the same whether formal public consultation is carried out or if a process of engagement happens.

## **3. Risk management**

- 3.1 Risks identified by Medway NHS CCG were presented in previous updates.

## **4. Consultation**

- 4.1 The proposals have previously been determined to amount to a substantial development or variation in health service provision.
- 4.2 The Committee is asked to consider whether whether formal public consultation is still required or whether strong engagement with the public and partners will provide a reasonable level of input to properly shape the plans

## **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 and consider whether formal public consultation is still required or whether strong engagement with the public and partners will provide a reasonable level of input to properly shape the plans.

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### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Update provided by Medway NHS CCG

### **Background papers**

None.