

## HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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### UPDATE ON MEDWAY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST (MFT)

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#### Summary

The report focuses on the Improvement Plan developed by MFT in response to the findings of the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection of the Trust undertaken in November/December 2016. This follows the brief update that was provided to the Committee at the March 2017 meeting, where the Committee was informed that the hospital would be receiving a rating of 'requires improvement', compared to the previous rating of inadequate and would, as a result of this improvement, be exiting special measures.

#### 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 At the March 2017 meeting, the Chief Executive and the Director of Communications of Medway Foundation Trust provided the Committee with a brief update on the findings of the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection findings that had been due to be published the next day.

2.2 MFT had received a rating of 'requires improvement', compared to the previous rating of inadequate and would, as a result of this improvement, be exiting special measures.

2.3 The Committee was advised that the inspection had acknowledged major improvements at the Trust including sustained improvement in mortality rates and improved care in the emergency department. Areas highlighted as

outstanding had included women and children's services and research. The hospital was also proud of achievements made with regard to its fractured hip pathway. The inspection had identified 16 'must dos' for the hospital to address, which was a significant improvement on the 46 identified in August 2016. It was recognised that the hospital still faced challenges, particularly in relation to workforce, emergency department waiting times, access to elective surgery and cancer treatment.

2.4 An update provided by MFT is attached as Appendix 1. This focuses on the Improvement Plan developed by MFT in response to the CQC inspection, including progress in relation to the 16 'must dos'. Updates are also provided on workforce and finances.

2.5 The CQC inspection report is attached as Appendix 2.

### **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

Appendix 2 - Medway NHS Foundation Trust Quality Report, Care Quality Commission

#### **Background papers:**

None.