

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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### CABINET RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION – ‘IMPROVING URGENT STROKE SERVICES IN KENT AND MEDWAY’

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#### Summary

The report notifies the Board of a report to Cabinet that requested that Cabinet agree a response to the public consultation on the proposed reconfiguration of Kent and Medway Hyper Acute and Acute Stroke Services. The report also invites the Board to consider whether it wishes to support the Cabinet response.

#### 1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 Medway’s vision for Adult Social Care is *‘We will support the people of Medway to live full, active lives, to live independently for as long as possible, and to play a full part in their local communities’*.
- 1.2 Our vision for Adult Social Care supports the delivery of Council Plan priorities, in particular ‘Supporting Medway’s people to realise their potential’; ‘Older and disabled people living independently’; and ‘Healthy and active communities’.
- 1.3 The proposed changes will impact on the delivery of stroke services for the residents of Medway, and so it is proposed that the Council’s Cabinet, as a provider of rehabilitation and ongoing care services, should submit a formal response to the consultation.

#### 2. Stroke Services Review

- 2.1 The public consultation on the proposed reconfiguration of the Kent and Medway Hyper Acute and Acute Stroke Services has been extended until 20 April 2018.
- 2.2 The consultation proposes five options for the location of the stroke units. The proposed locations are shown in the following table.

**Table 1:** Shortlisted proposals (not in rank order)

Proposal	A Hyper Acute Stroke Unit at:
A	Darent Valley Hospital Medway Maritime Hospital William Harvey Hospital
B	Darent Valley Hospital Maidstone Hospital William Harvey Hospital
C	Maidstone Hospital Medway Maritime Hospital William Harvey Hospital
D	Tunbridge Wells Hospital Medway Maritime Hospital William Harvey Hospital
E	Darent Valley Hospital Tunbridge Wells Hospital William Harvey Hospital

- 2.3 An analysis of the options was due to be presented to Cabinet on 10 April 2018, with it being proposed that Cabinet agree Option D as its favoured option in response to the consultation.
- 2.4 The recommendation that Cabinet should support Option D was on the basis of analysis from Mott MacDonald Group Ltd and Medway Public Health Intelligence Team which indicated that Option D would have the best outcomes for people requiring urgent stroke services. The other factors for consideration set out in paragraphs 4.12 to 4.15 of the Cabinet report (Appendix 1) set out further rationale for locating the hyper acute unit in Medway.
- 2.5 The Cabinet report and appendices are attached to this report as appendices 1 to 5. The Cabinet report states that the closing date of the consultation is 13 April 2018. However, the consultation has subsequently been extended by a week and will now close on 20 April 2018.
- 2.6 A verbal update on the decision made by Cabinet will be provided at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting. Subject to Cabinet having agreed a response to the public consultation, it is proposed that the Board considers whether it wishes to support the Cabinet response.

### **3. Risk implications**

- 3.1 There are no specific risk implications connected with this report.

### **4. Financial and legal implications**

- 4.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report

- 4.2 As stated in paragraphs 6.3 and 6.5 of the Cabinet report (Appendix 1), a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee of Kent County Council, Medway Council, East Sussex County Council and Bexley Council (Joint HOSC) has been established to meet the requirements of health scrutiny legislation in relation to consultation by the NHS with these local authorities on proposed changes to Hyper Acute and Acute Stroke Services in Kent and Medway and it will be this Joint HOSC that will comment on the outcome of the consultation exercise and the preferred option put forward by the NHS in due course (Regulations 23 and 30, Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013).
- 4.3 The recommendation at section 5 of this report is that the Health and Wellbeing Board considers responding to the public consultation which is being carried out by the NHS under separate legal obligations with a closing date of 20 April 2018 (extended from 13 April 2018) and it is within the remit of the Health and Wellbeing Board to express a preferred option at this early stage, with reasons. Such a recommendation by the Health and Wellbeing Board in no way fetters or constrains the Joint HOSC when it considers the outcome of the public consultation and the preferred option put forward by the NHS in due course. The Joint HOSC will be commenting on behalf of Medway Council and the other three Councils involved in response to the NHS duty to consult the four councils affected under regulations 23 and 30.

## **5. Recommendation**

- 5.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:
- i) Note the Cabinet response to the public consultation on the proposed reconfiguration of the Kent and Medway Hyper Acute and Acute Stroke Services.
  - ii) Consider whether it wishes to formally support the Cabinet response to the consultation.
  - iii) Subject to the agreement of a response under recommendation ii), to delegate authority to the Director of Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board, to submit the Board's response to the consultation.
  - iv) Subject to the agreement of a response under recommendation ii), advise the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee of Kent County Council, Medway Council, East Sussex County Council and Bexley Council of its response to the consultation.

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### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Cabinet Report, 10 April 2018
- Appendix 2 – Improving Urgent Stroke Services in Kent and Medway – Consultation document
- Appendix 3 – Mott MacDonald Group Ltd (Dec 2017), Kent and Medway

Sustainability and Transformation Plan, Integrated Impact  
Assessment: Pre-consultation report – Stroke Services

Appendix 4 – Travel and Access Report (Medway Public Health Intelligence  
Team Analysis)

Appendix 5 – Equality Impacts Report (Medway Public Health Intelligence Team  
Analysis)

**Background papers**

None.