

CHILDREN AND ADULTS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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UPDATE – FUTURE LOCATION OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

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Summary

This report will be accompanied by a verbal presentation from NHS Medway, which will update the committee on the progress made with the relocation of the CDC which the committee discussed in September 2009.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 In line with the protocol that NHS organisations have signed up to, NHS Medway have agreed to discuss with the relevant OSC any proposals for service change that members have a keen interest in (significant or otherwise). Normally these discussions would take place at an early stage as part of the committee's work programming process. The re-location of the CDC was alerted to the committee in September 2009 following action taken by the hospital (at short notice) to withdraw the premises of the CDC to provide essential emergency beds. The committee agreed that they would receive updates on the progress of the CDC move until it was permanently re-located.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Child Development Centre (CDC) was originally sited at Medway Maritime Hospital and was a multi-agency centre offering a range of services to children with disabilities and those with complex needs.
- 2.2 The scale of the emergency admissions required over the Christmas and New Year period in 2008/09 overwhelmed the bed capacity of Medway Maritime Hospital and the decision had to be made to convert the Sanderson Child Development Centre to a ward for patients to provide additional potentially life-saving bed capacity at the hospital.

2.3 Temporary relocation facilities were found from a combination of rooms at a number of different sites across Medway, which were:

- Rochester Healthy Living Centre
- Rainham Healthy Living Centre
- Chaucer Unit, Medway Hospital

3. Financial and legal implications

3.1 There are no financial or legal implications for Medway Council but NHS Medway have faced some additional costs in supporting and leading the project to permanently relocate the CDC services.

4. Recommendations

4.1 The Committee are recommended to consider the update provided by NHS Medway.

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Background papers

None