

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee
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Title:	Proposals to Develop or Vary Services
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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to alert Members to proposals from the NHS or providers of health services to vary or develop health services provided to people living in the area of the Committee. At this meeting the Committee is receiving an update on the following topics:
 - a) Project Fusion: Recommendation to create a new community and mental health trust (Southern Health Foundation Trust and Solent NHS Trust)
 - b) Acute Services Partnership (Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust)

Recommendations

2. That the Committee agrees the recommendations as set out below for each item.
 - a) Project Fusion: Recommendation to create a new community and mental health trust (Southern Health Foundation Trust and Solent NHS Trust)
 - i) That the Committee decide whether the proposals constitute a substantial change to health services or not.
 - ii) That the Committee continue to receive regular update with the next presentation on progress to be requested for the June 2023 HASC meeting.
 - b) Acute Services (Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust)
 - iii) That the Committee request a further update on progress with the Partnership at its June 2023 meeting following the appointment of the joint leadership team.

Executive Summary

3. Proposals that are considered to be substantial in nature will be subject to formal public consultation. The nature and scope of this consultation should be discussed with the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

4. The response of the Committee will take account of the Framework for Assessing Substantial Change and Variation in Health Services (version agreed at January 2018 meeting [Framework for Assessing Substantial Change and Variation in Health Services](#)). This places particular emphasis on the duties imposed on the NHS by Sections 242 and 244 of the NHS Act 2006, includes new responsibilities set out under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, and takes account of key criteria for service reconfiguration identified by the Department of Health.
5. This Report is presented to the Committee in three parts:
 - a. *Items for information*: these alert the Committee to forthcoming proposals from the NHS to vary or change services. This provides the Committee with an opportunity to determine if the proposal would be considered substantial and assess the need to establish formal joint arrangements
 - b. *Items for action*: these set out the actions required by the Committee to respond to proposals from the NHS or providers of health services to substantially change or vary health services.
 - c. *Items for monitoring*: these allow for the monitoring of outcomes from substantial changes proposed to the local health service agreed by the Committee.
6. This report and recommendations provide members with an opportunity to influence and improve the delivery of health services in Hampshire, and to support health and social care integration, and therefore assist in the delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Corporate Strategy aim that people in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives.

Items for Information

a) **Project Fusion: Recommendation to create a new community and mental health trust (Southern Health Foundation Trust and Solent NHS Trust)**

Context

7. The Committee received notification in October 2022 that, in January 2022, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care System had commissioned an independent review of community and mental health services. The review had put forward five key recommendations which were being taken forward in a joint programme of work including the recommendation that a new organisation be formed, bringing together all NHS community and mental health services provided in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. A business case is being developed which will describe the rationale and benefits of the recommendation to create a single NHS organisation for these services.

Recommendations

8. That the Committee decide whether the proposals constitute a substantial change to health services or not.
9. That the Committee continue to receive regular update with the next presentation on progress to be requested for the June 2023 HASC meeting.

b) Acute Services Partnership (Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust)

Context

10. The Committee has heard from Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust (PHU) for a number of years regarding difficulties at the Accident and Emergency Department at the Queen Alexandra Hospital in Portsmouth. While this hospital is in the Portsmouth City Council area, a number of Hampshire residents from surrounding areas use these services.
11. The Committee has been contacted by PHU regarding changes to the Trust's Acute Services in partnership with the Isle of Wight NHS Trust. Initially, the Trusts report that they will confirm a single Chief Executive Officer with the mandate to create a single Executive Team and single clinical leadership approach across the two Trusts. A briefing note has been provided which is appended to this report.

Recommendation

12. That the Committee request a further update on progress with the Partnership at its June 2023 meeting following the appointment of the joint leadership team.

Finance

13. Financial implications of any proposals will be covered within the briefings provided by the NHS appended to this report.

Performance

14. Performance information will be covered within the briefings provided by the NHS appended to this report where relevant.

Consultation and Equalities

15. Details of any consultation and equalities considerations of any proposals will be covered within the briefings provided by the NHS appended to this report.

Climate Change Impact Assessment

16. Consideration should be given to any climate change impacts of proposals where relevant.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	no
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	no
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	no

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents	
<p>The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)</p>	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

This is a covering report which appends reports under consideration by the Committee, therefore this section is not applicable to this covering report. The Committee will request appropriate impact assessments to be undertaken should this be relevant for any topic that the Committee is reviewing.