

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) Winter pressures/hospital discharge (Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board)

Recommendations

2. That the Committee agrees the recommendations as set out below for each item.
 - a) Winter pressures/hospital discharge policy (Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board)

That the Committee monitor the proposed changes to hospital discharges closely and request an update on the implementation of these changes at the January 2024 HASC meeting.

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) Winter pressures/hospital discharge policy (Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board)

Context

7. The Committee has been notified of proposals from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board regarding winter pressures planning and specifically looking at their policy for discharging patients from acute care/hospital settings.
8. As set out in the attached report from the ICB, some short term services commissioned using the temporary COVID funding will reduce in line with the funding available. This includes:
 - The number of 'discharge to assess' beds purchased in the Hampshire county area will be a smaller this winter compared to last (196 in 2022/23, compared to 60 in 2023/24)
 - The number of block domiciliary hours will be at 2,000 hours for this winter (which equates to 91% of previous levels)
 - Live in Care provision will end from February 2024 (which has supported approximately 15 discharges per month).
 - The Hampshire Equipment Service has returned to its pre-COVID service specification.

- Additional community services commissioned from Southern Health Foundation NHS Trust will return to pre-Covid levels.

The ICB note that these changes have the potential to increase the number of people waiting in hospital for discharge once they are deemed fit for discharge by 35%.

9. To mitigate the changes, the ICB note that there will exist a pooled winter fund to commission some interim winter capacity while the broader transformation activity is embedded.

Recommendation

10. That the Committee monitor the proposed changes to hospital discharges closely and request an update on the implementation of these changes at the January 2024 HASC meeting.

Finance

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

Performance

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

Consultation and Equalities

13. 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

14. 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

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.