

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

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| Committee: | Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 10 November 2020 |
| Report Title: | Proposals to Develop or Vary Services |
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Purpose

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 updates on the following topics:
 - a) Hampshire Together: Modernising our Hospitals and Health Services (Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and commissioners)
 - b) Building Better Emergency Care Programme (Portsmouth Hospitals University Trust and commissioners)

Recommendations

2. Summary of recommendations (the recommendations for each topic are also given under the relevant section below):
3. *Hampshire Together: Modernising our Hospitals and Health Services (Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and commissioners)*

That the Committee:

- a) Consider whether the proposals constitute a substantial change to health services.
- b) Request that either the HASC or the Joint Scrutiny Committee if established, have the opportunity to comment on the plans for public consultation on the proposals.

- c) Note that if a Joint Scrutiny Committee is established, the proposals will primarily be scrutinised by that Committee, and updates on progress be reported to the HASC by the Joint Committee Members.
4. *Building Better Emergency Care Programme – Portsmouth Hospitals University Trust*

That the Committee:

- a) Note the update.
- b) Request a further update in Summer 2021.

Summary

- 5. 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.
- 6. 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). This places particular emphasis on the duties imposed on the NHS by Sections 242 and 244 of the Health and Social Care 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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

9. Hampshire Together: Modernising Our Hospitals and Health Services

Context

10. Hampshire Together is a programme that involves all NHS and social care services across north and mid Hampshire (Alton, Andover, Basingstoke, Eastleigh, Winchester and the surrounding areas). It is being led by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Partnership of Clinical Commissioning Groups and West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group, in partnership with Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The Trust presented to the Committee in July 2020 regarding their intention to use funding under the government Health Infrastructure Plan to re-organise their hospital services.
11. Since the last update further engagement and options development has taken place. The Trust have provided a report with accompanying appendices (attached). The HASC needs to decide whether it considers the proposals a substantial variation in health services. The Trust have engaged with neighbouring Local Authorities whose populations may use the Trust's services or may otherwise be impacted by any changes.
12. Southampton City Council have taken the view that the proposals constitute a substantial variation, therefore if Hampshire County Council also determined the proposals substantial there would be a requirement to form a Joint Scrutiny Committee to consider the proposals. A terms of reference for such a Joint Committee is being drafted to be shared with the HASC. Should a Joint Committee be required, full County Council will need to agree the delegation of health scrutiny powers to the Joint Committee and appoint Members to it.

Recommendations

13. That the Committee:
 - a) Consider whether the proposals constitute a substantial change to health services.
 - b) Request that either the HASC or the Joint Scrutiny Committee if established, have the opportunity to comment on the plans for public consultation on the proposals.

- c) Note that if a Joint Scrutiny Committee is established, the proposals will primarily be scrutinised by that Committee, and updates on progress be reported to the HASC by the Joint Committee Members.

Items for Monitoring

14. **Building Better Emergency Care Programme – Portsmouth Hospitals University Trust**

Context

15. In July 2020 Portsmouth Hospitals University Trust informed the HASC of their plans to use NHS England capital funding allocation to improve the accommodation of the Emergency Department at the Queen Alexandra Hospital. An update was requested for November 2020 and has been provided (see attached).

Recommendations

16. That the Committee:
- a) Note the update.
 - b) Request a further update in Summer 2021.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

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| 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

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| Links to previous Member decisions: | |
| <u>Title</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives | |
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Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

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.)

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| <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.