

UPDATE ON NHS URGENT CARE SERVICES IN DARTFORD, GRAVESHAM & SWANLEY

Health Liaison Board - 5 February 2020

Report of Chief Officer People and Places

Status For Information

Key Decision No

Executive Summary: This report provides Members with an update on the decision made by Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (DGS CCG), at their extraordinary meeting on Thursday 16 January 2020, on the new location of the NHS urgent care services

This report supports the Key Aim of providing the right support at the right time, reducing health inequalities and improving health and wellbeing for all

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Recommendation to Health Liaison Board: That the information in the report be noted.

Introduction and Background

- 1 Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (DGS CCG) proposed important changes to urgent care services in the north of our District and held a 12 week public consultation between August and November 2019.
- 2 Two options for change were offered. They aim to meet the NHS requirement for all areas in England to have Urgent Treatment Centres offering the same NHS services in a timely manner.
- 3 The two options were:
 - a. To create an Urgent Treatment Centre at Gravesham Community Hospital by moving services from the current Fleet Health Campus in Northfleet to join the Minor Injuries Unit at Gravesham Community Hospital
 - b. To create an Urgent Treatment Centre at Darent Valley Hospital by moving services from the current Minor Injuries Unit at Gravesham Community Hospital and the Fleet Health Campus in Northfleet to Darent Valley Hospital.

- 4 Responses from consultation questionnaires, feedback from key stakeholders, 30 community roadshows and three public listening events were analysed by an independent agency in December 2019. The CCG made the final decision on the new location for this service at their extraordinary meeting on Thursday 16 January 2020.
- 5 Members will receive an update on the final decision at the meeting from Cllr Perry Cole, who attended the CCG's extraordinary meeting and will report the findings to Members.

Key Implications

Financial

There are no financial implications for the Council associated with this report.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

There are no legal implications for the Council associated with this report.

Equality Assessment

No decision is required, therefore there is no perceived impact on end users.

Conclusions

Members will be updated on the decision made by Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group on the location of NHS urgent care services for the north of this District.

Appendices

Appendix A - DGS CCG Press Release - CCG decides the location of future urgent care services (16 January 2020)

Background Papers

CCG publishes urgent care public consultation findings - <https://www.dartfordgraveshamswanleyccg.nhs.uk/2019/12/13/ccg-publishes-urgent-care-public-consultation-findings/>

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