

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Report

<b>Committee:</b>	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee
<b>Date:</b>	23 May 2023
<b>Title:</b>	Proposals to Develop or Vary Services
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of People and Organisation

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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) Building Better Emergency Care (Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust)
  - b) Proposal to create an elective hub (Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board)

### Recommendations

2. That the Committee agrees the recommendations as set out below for each item.
  - a) Building Better Emergency Care (Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust)

That the Committee welcome the progress in the Building Better Emergency Care Programme and request a further update for the January 2024 meeting as construction work progresses.

b) Proposal to create an elective hub (Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board)

That the Committee continue to monitor the progress of the elective hub development and request a further update at the November 2023 HASC meeting following the estimated construction start date.

### 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) Building Better Emergency Care (Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust)**

#### *Context*

7. The Committee has heard from Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust 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. In late 2018 the Trust was awarded capital funding to develop new emergency care facilities. Since then, the Trust have been developing a new model of care and working on a business case for the necessary capital works.

The Committee was updated on progress in May and in November 2022 and heard that building work was due to begin in 2023.

### *Recommendation*

8. That the Committee welcome the progress in the Building Better Emergency Care Programme and request a further update for the January 2024 meeting as construction work progresses.

### **b) Proposal to create an elective hub (Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board)**

### *Context*

9. The Committee was notified at the beginning of 2022 that Hampshire and Isle of Wight NHS leaders had agreed that the construction of a new dedicated 'elective hub' was the best approach to address the backlog waiting list created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, the programme has been exploring and developing proposals and working up business cases to submit to NHS England to secure funding to enable the construction of the new facility to begin.
10. The proposed hub will contain two theatres and a twenty-eight bedded in-patient ward with associated facilities. The unit will be built within the Burrell Wing in the Royal Hampshire County Hospital. It will have a separate entrance and will be ringfenced solely for the purpose of treating elective orthopaedic patients.
11. The hub will deliver an additional 2,400 procedures each year. Patients will be referred by their GPs to their home Trusts and if patients are then identified as requiring an elective procedure and they meet the criteria for the hub they will be offered the choice to be treated at the hub.
12. The timeline for the programme of works is appended to this report in a more detailed briefing note, including the anticipated dates for the opening of the hub which is currently estimated as late 2024.

### *Recommendation*

13. That the Committee continue to monitor the progress of the elective hub development and request a further update at the November 2023 HASC meeting following the estimated construction start date.

### **Finance**

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

### **Performance**

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

### **Consultation and Equalities**

16. 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**

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

**REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:**

**Links to the Strategic Plan**

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