

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Report

<b>Committee:</b>	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee
<b>Date:</b>	21 November 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) Frimley Park – this is the subject of a separate report on today’s agenda
  - b) Project Fusion - Southern Health and Solent merger

### Recommendations

2. That the Committee agrees the recommendations as set out below for each item.
  - a) A separate report has been provided by Frimley ICB on the proposed replacement hospital for Frimley Park

The report sets out proposals for public consultation and also proposals for engagement with the health overview and scrutiny process across the localities served by the hospital.

- b) Project Fusion – Southern and Solent merger – full business case

That the Committee receive an update on the proposed merger and consider any identified impact on patients.

### 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.

*Recommendation*

5. That the Committee continue to monitor progress with the Project Fusion merger.

**Finance**

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

**Performance**

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

**Consultation and Equalities**

8. 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**

9. 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.