

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) Southern Health: Adult Forensic Ward Upgrade
 - b) Southern Health: Abbey Ward Update

Recommendations

- a) Adult Forensic Ward Upgrade
2. That the Committee support the temporary re-location of patients from Oak Ward at Southfield to Ashhurst Ward at Ravenswood.
 3. That the Committee be notified when the works have been completed and patients returned to Oak Ward.
 - b) Abbey Ward Update
 4. That the Committee be notified when a date for the new ward opening is confirmed.

Executive 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 [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.

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

a) Southern Health: Adult Forensic Ward Upgrade

7. In December 2021 the HASC was notified by Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust of their intention to undertake some building works which requires patients to temporarily move to another unit. The Trust has provided a briefing note regarding the anticipated impact and the engagement they have undertaken with affected patients and families (see appendix 1). Members may wish to ask questions to understand the likely duration of this change and whether the temporary location affects the ability of family to visit patients.

b) Southern Health: Abbey Ward Update

9. In September 2021 Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust provided an update [Mental Health beds update.pdf \(hants.gov.uk\)](#) to the HASC on building works which included the creation of a new 10 bed female psychiatric intensive care unit. At that time the new ward was anticipated to open in early 2022 so an update was requested for this meeting. The Trust has provided an update (see appendix 2)

indicating that due to some issues with the building works the timescale for the new ward opening is now early summer 2022.

Finance

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

Performance

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

Consultation and Equalities

12. 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

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

Conclusions

14. The temporary move of patients and creation of a new ward are changes/variations in health services and therefore the NHS has a duty to notify the HASC. The HASC has a duty to consider whether to support any proposed changes or make recommendations. In this case, both changes are relatively minor and the eventual outcome appears to be improved facilities for mental health patients in Hampshire.

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

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u> Proposals to vary services Agenda for Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee on Tuesday, 21st September, 2021, 10.00 am About the Council Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)	<u>Date</u> 21 September 2021
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

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.)

<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.