

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee
Date:	8 March 2022
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) Integrated Primary Care Access Service – update (Commissioners)
 - b) Alton Community Hospital – new ward (Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust)

Recommendations

- a) Integrated Primary Care Access Service - update
2. That the Committee receive an update on extended access to primary care in Hampshire once the expectations on Primary Care Networks in this regard are clear.
 - b) Alton Community Hospital – new ward (Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust)
 3. That the Committee welcome and support the proposal to increase capacity at Alton Community Hospital.

Executive Summary

4. 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.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 Monitoring

a) Integrated Primary Care Access Service - update

8. In July 2019 the HASc was notified of plans to integrate primary care services in Southern Hampshire by the Primary Care Alliance across Fareham, Gosport and south east Hampshire. The IPCAS service was developed to bring together two services: the GP Extended Access Service, which was a pilot, and the GP Out of Hours Service. These were delivered by two separate providers with differing access points for local people.
9. The HASc last received an update in March 2021, when Primary Care Networks (PCNs) were expected to become responsible for providing extended access to their patients. However, at that time, it was reported that this was being delayed for a year. A further update was requested for this meeting and has been provided (see Appendix 1). This indicates the change in responsibility has been further delayed until September 2022 so existing services will be extended until then.

Items for Information

b) Alton Community Hospital – new ward

10. The HASC has been notified in February 2022 that Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust plans to provide a new ward with an additional 22 beds at Alton Community Hospital. The new ward is expected to be operational by July 2022. (see briefing at Appendix 2)

Finance

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

Performance

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

Consultation and Equalities

13. 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

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

Conclusions

15. The HASC may wish to be updated on the plans for extended primary care access once further details of the expectations on Primary Care Networks in relation to this is known.
16. The HASC will welcome plans to extend provision at the Alton Community Hospital.

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> 2021-03-01 HASC IPCAS update.pdf (hants.gov.uk)	<u>Date</u> 1 March 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.