

NHS URGENT CARE SERVICES IN DARTFORD, GRAVESHAM & SWANLEY

Health Liaison Board - 4 September 2019

Report of Chief Officer Communities & Business

Status: For consideration

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: This report provides Members with information about a current consultation relating to NHS urgent care services in Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley and provides an opportunity to express views on how the Council should respond.

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:

Members' views are sought.

Introduction and Background

- 1 Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group are holding a public consultation about important changes they wish to make to urgent care in the north of our District.
- 2 Two options for change are 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 are:
 - 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 Urgent Care is appropriate ‘when you suddenly become unwell with a physical or mental health condition and need to see a health professional on the same day but it is not an emergency’.
- 5 More information about the options and the consultation are given at the Appendix. The consultation is open to everyone and can be accessed at www.dartfordgraveshamswanleyccg.nhs.uk. It closes on 4 November 2019. The consultation will inform the Clinical Commissioning Group’s decision, which is expected in early 2020.

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’ views are sought to help the Portfolio respond to the consultation on behalf of the Council.

Appendices

Public Consultation - NHS urgent care services in Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley

Background Papers:

www.dartfordgraveshamswanleyccg.nhs.uk

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