

EAST KENT HOSPITALS UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

REPORT TO: COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING –
14 JANUARY 2014

SUBJECT: REPORT FROM THE STRATEGIC COMMITTEE

REPORT FROM: COMMITTEE CHAIR

PURPOSE: Information/Discussion

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY:

At the meeting on 12 December a presentation on the progress of the Clinical Strategy progress was given by the Trust's Assistant Director of Strategic Development. Members noted that the emergency care capital plans had been revised but that these would still include dedicated areas for children at the WHH and QEPMH A&E departments and it was agreed that an update on the emergency care work stream would be brought to the February meeting.

A brief summary of a recent complex analysis of patient activity levels for the proposed hub and spokes model for high and medium risk (including emergency) surgery was discussed. Some members expressed surprise at the figures for bed requirements and distribution between hub and spokes and further clarification has been requested. An update on the key work streams of emergency surgery, emergency care for medicine, paediatrics and gynaecology, outpatients, the Dover Hospital Project, Trauma Communication and Engagement was provided and discussed. It was agreed that Long Term Strategy (10 years) should be deferred to the February meeting to give time for members to prepare for this.

A progress report on the proposed Kent Pathology Partnership (KPP) was discussed. Members highlighted the necessity for implementation of the registration process for any "new" pathology service.

SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S FUTURE WORK PLANS:

1. To review the emergency care capital plans ((A&E) in greater detail at the February meeting.
2. To monitor the progress of the current Outpatient Model of Care public consultation following consideration of this by the Council of Governors in January at its January meeting.
3. To review the Activity Analysis of the Surgery "Hub and Spokes" with reference to estimated patient activity and bed requirements between these.
4. To consider the benefits/risks for staff and patients of the proposed Kent Pathology Project.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS ACTION REQUIRED:

To note the report.
To comment on the Committee's intended future work plans.