

**EAST KENT HOSPITALS UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST****REPORT TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS****DATE: 27 MARCH 2015****SUBJECT: DELIVERING OUR FUTURE****REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT & CAPITAL PLANNING****PURPOSE: Information and Discussion****CONTEXT / REVIEW HISTORY / STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

In January 2014, having undertaken a strategic review of the Trust's clinical services, the Trust Board identified a clear direction of travel for the organisation over the next five to ten year period.

The Board supported the continued development and assessment of strategic plans that move the Trust towards a single emergency and high risk hospital. This facility would be supported by a network of local base hospital sites that will improve access to a wide range of core diagnostic and treatment services.

Engagement events and dialogue with trust staff, clinicians, CCGs and GPs has helped to formulate the ideas to date. The options now need to be finalised and timescales for Public Consultation agreed.

**SUMMARY:**

This paper updates the Trust Board on progress to date.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

From Board action required

**NEXT STEPS:**

N/A

**IMPACT ON TRUST'S STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:**

Implementation of the agreed Clinical Strategy is key to the Trust's success in delivering on its strategic objectives.

**LINKS TO BOARD ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK:**

Links to A012 to deliver a sustainable clinical strategy in the BAF.

**IDENTIFIED RISKS AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACTIONS:**

The implementation of not having an agreed date to commence public consultation is that the programme governance will not be robust and a revised programme plan will be delayed.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Implementation of the agreed Clinical Strategy will have significant financial consequences.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS / IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY:**

Yes for Public Consultation.

**PROFESSIONAL ADVICE TAKEN ON ANY NOVEL OR CONTENTIOUS ISSUES**

Informal advice on consultation

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

To note the report and proposed change to the start of the consultation.

**CONSEQUENCES OF NOT TAKING ACTION:**