
Heath and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

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Changes To Children's Specialised Cancer Services Principal Treatment Centre Programme

Report by Director of Law and Assurance

Summary

NHS England (NHSE), London and NHSE South East commission Children's Specialised Cancer Services Principal Treatment Centres (PTCs) which serve South London and the South East Region. The Heath and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee has been asked to consider some proposed changes to Children's Specialised Cancer Services PTC, currently provided jointly by The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust (Sutton site) and St George's University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in south London.

The Committee will need to consider whether this constitutes a substantial variation by referring to the checklist at Appendix B and if further scrutiny is required. This proposal is being considered by a number of other Scrutiny Committees in the region that cover South London, Kent & Medway, Surrey and Sussex. The Committee need to note that if considered to require further scrutiny, it will need to form a joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) with any other HOSCs which also consider the proposal to be a substantial variation and require further scrutiny. This proposal has been considered by the Business Planning Group, who recommended this was not a substantial variation.

Focus for Scrutiny

For the Committee to assess the NHS England proposal for changes to children's specialist cancer services and determine whether this constitutes a substantial variation in the provision of service, and if so, whether it requires further scrutiny. In carrying out this assessment, the Committee should refer to the guidance for determining NHS service change proposals attached at Appendix B.

Key lines of enquiry include:

1. The reasons for the proposed change, and whether it will improve patient outcomes and clinical quality.
2. How the proposed change will impact on parents/carers and families.
3. The views of the relevant NHS provider organisations
4. Any consultation or engagement to be carried out

1. Background and context

- 1.1 The background and context to this item for scrutiny are set out in the attached report. There are no resource or risk implications directly affecting West Sussex County Council, as this is a report by the NHS, relating to NHS services.

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Appendices

Appendix A: Report on Changes to Children's Specialist Cancer Services Principal Treatment Centre Programme

Appendix B: Presentation on Changes to Children's Specialised Cancer Services Principal Treatment Centre Programme

Appendix C: Checklist for NHS Service Change Proposals

Background Papers: None