

IMPROVING HEALTHCARE TOGETHER: 2020-2030

COMMITTEES IN COMMON

Governing Body Report

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PAPER: To note

1. Purpose of the paper

The CCG Governing Body is asked to note the outcome of the Committees in Common (CiC) meeting that took place on the 21st of June 2018.

2. Programme governance

The three Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) for Merton, Sutton and Surrey Downs agreed the establishment of the Improving Healthcare Together: 2020-2030 Committees in Common (or CiC) arrangement for the purpose of collaborative decision making for the programme. The governing body of each of the CCGs agreed to participate in this CiC arrangement and each CCG Committee has delegated authority to make decisions about the matters within the scope of this CiC on behalf of its own CCG and without the need to be ratified by its Governing Body.

3. Items for decision

3.1 Items for decision included the:

- a) Improving Healthcare Together 2020-2030: Issues paper
- b) Improving Healthcare Together 2020-2030: Issues paper technical annex: case for change, clinical model and development of potential solutions, and the
- c) Improving Healthcare Together 2020-2030: Communications and engagement plan

3.2 Andrew Demetriades (Joint Programme Director) confirmed that:

- The CiC papers summarise the work of the Improving Healthcare Together 2020-2030 programme over the last six months
- The Issues paper sets out the vision of our clinical leaders and the three key challenges faced by Epsom and St Helier Hospitals which include:
 - i) Improving clinical quality
 - ii) providing healthcare from modern buildings and iii) achieving financial sustainability
- The issues paper sets out the emerging clinical model developed by the Clinical Advisory Group which comprises representation from General Practice, Secondary Care and Quality leads from the CCGs
- The technical annex includes information at a point in time. The Case for Change includes some significant issues that need to be addressed and will be developed through the engagement process.
- The outline early engagement plan is designed to set out a wide reaching engagement programme
- The engagement plan will use a number of engagement methods

- The programme is committed to holding a range of public discussion events to address the key questions set out in the Issues paper
- There will be a number of planned deliberative events to specifically review the clinical model and assumptions to date
- Any engagement activity will seek the expertise of professionals and the independent view and support of Healthwatch

3.3 The Convenor asked the Clinical Chairs for their views on the Issues paper, Technical annex and Communications and Engagement plan.

Dr Jeffrey Croucher confirmed:

- The importance of ensuring we can find the very best healthcare for our population and to include as much as the public voice in this process. The Improving Health Care Issues paper is the best attempt to do that
- We need to encourage feedback in from our communities in the process
- We welcome the engagement plan and recognise this as a really important document. The Programme needs to be transparent, effective and inclusive in this part of the programme
- We need to include a cycle of listening and feedback
- The engagement must be a rolling engagement programme
- This will provide us with the confidence that we engage with hard to reach groups to ensure their voices are heard.

Dr Andrew Murray confirmed:

- Merton CCG recognise the issues the Trust raise in the Strategic Outline Case which are well reflected in the Issues paper
- It is the responsibility of commissioners to take on this challenge. Doing nothing is not an appropriate or sensible option
- The Clinical Advisory Group and clinical working groups provide the reassurance that there has been broad engagement and scrutiny around the development of the clinical model
- The engagement exercise is critical and the questions we are asking are really important
- The Communications and engagement plan is high level, however it would be helpful to have an idea of the further questions we wish to explore.
- That we make sure to target all the right groups in Merton and undertake local thinking, informed through discussions with the Managing Director, James Blythe

Dr Andrew Sharpe confirmed:

- The Issues paper is clear with a good evidence base and logical arguments
- There is lots of clinical input into the proposals
- Doing nothing is not an option
- There is a need to have real and meaningful public engagement.

4. Approval process

Surrey Downs, Merton and Sutton Committees in Common approved the following papers subject to assurance that any feedback will be noted and actioned.

- a) Improving Healthcare Together 2020-2030: Issues paper
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- c) Improving Healthcare Together 2020-2030: Communications and engagement plan

5. Questions from the public

The CiC was well attended by the public with several questions submitted in advance and 20 minutes of questioning from the floor. Topics raised included the nature and cost of the travel analysis being undertaken, whether this programme is necessary, what specific plans are proposed for each hospital site, the nature and scope of the engagement being undertaken and the prospects for financing any eventual solution. There were also a series of questions more relevant to the business of EPSH Hospital itself. The programme team will be developing an FAQ document as part of the engagement to capture questions and answers going forward.

6. Next steps

Based on feedback from the Committees in Common, all minor amendments was delegated to the Programme Director. Final sign off for the documents was undertaken by Sarah Blow and Matthew Tait.

All documents have been uploaded on the Improving Healthcare Together 2020-2030 website during the week beginning 25th June and a video of the CiC meeting is available on each of the CCGs' websites. In addition the Programme Director will work with the Managing Directors of each of the CCGs and with Healthwatch to finalise the engagement plan and to ensure wide outreach.

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