



Surrey Downs Clinical Commissioning Group

Health Scrutiny Committee
30 May 2014

Surrey Downs CCG Out of Hospital Strategy

Purpose of the report: Scrutiny of Services and Budgets, Policy Development and Review

Pressure on A&E departments continues with non-emergency admissions. The committee will scrutinise the plans of Surrey Downs CCG to provide more community based care to meet local needs in their Out of Hospital Strategy.

Introduction

1. From 1 April 2013 NHS Surrey Downs Clinical Commissioning Group has been responsible for commissioning (or buying) healthcare to meet local health needs. This followed the abolition of primary care trusts who previously undertook this role. This strategy is part of our wider commissioning strategy and focuses on our plans to increase investment in community services so that more people can receive care closer to their own homes.
2. The aim of our Out of Hospital Strategy is to deliver more care in community settings and improve quality of care, whilst also ensuring services are sustainable longer term. This work is happening in parallel to work happening as part of the Better Services Better Value (BSBV) programme which is currently looking at acute care standards for hospitals in south west London, which includes Epsom Hospital (our local acute hospital) as it is part of a London facing trust. The focus of this strategy is on community services and getting these right now. We believe these improvements need to happen now, regardless of any other changes that are proposed - it does not pre-empt the outcome of the Better Services Better Value review.

Recommendations

3. The Committee to consider the Surrey Downs CCG Out of Hospital Strategy.

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