



Health Scrutiny Committee
4 July 2013

Better Services Better Value

Purpose of the report: Scrutiny of Services

The Committee will scrutinise options arising from the Better Services Better Value review of south west London and north Surrey healthcare.

Summary:

1. The Better Services Better Value (BSBV) programme is a large-scale review of the healthcare service provision in south west London and north Surrey. Those areas involved include the London boroughs of Richmond, Kingston, Merton, Sutton, Wandsworth and Croydon and Surrey.
2. This review encompasses Epsom Hospital, as it forms the Epsom & St Helier Hospitals NHS Trust. Epsom & St Helier Hospitals is a London trust, despite Epsom Hospital being physically located within Surrey boundaries.
3. The programme has been ongoing for some time and has recently published options for hospital reconfiguration that will be taken for consultation. The consultation is expected to begin in autumn 2013.
4. Each of the proposed options for reconfiguration will represent major change for Epsom Hospital and its current catchment area. It is therefore vitally important that the Health Scrutiny Committee comment on these proposals at the earliest opportunity and make its own response to the consultation when it begins.
5. It should be noted that the programme is also subject to a Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee made up of representatives from the six London boroughs and Surrey County Council. This joint committee has a remit for scrutinising the programme in full, including the power to refer decisions to the Secretary of State under health scrutiny regulations.

6. Representatives from BSBV and the relevant Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group, Surrey Downs CCG, will be in attendance at the meeting to present the proposed options and answer questions.

Recommendations:

7. The Committee is recommended to scrutinise the proposed options for consultation.

Next steps:

The consultation on the proposed options is expected to begin in autumn 2013.

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Sources/background papers: None