

## ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON UPON THAMES

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**SOUTH WEST LONDON AND SURREY JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**7 JULY 2021**

**10:30 am – 12:41 pm**

**Members of the Committee**

- \* Councillor Thomas Barlow, LB Merton
- \* Councillor Richard Chatterjee, LB Croydon
- \* Councillor Roger Crouch LB, Richmond
- \* Councillor Sean Fitzsimons, LB Croydon
- Councillor Adrian Flook, LB Wandsworth
- Councillor Angela Goodwin, Surrey CC
- Councillor Lesley Heap, RB Kingston
- Councillor Graeme Henderson, LB Wandsworth
- \* Councillor Edward Joyce, LB Sutton
- \* Councillor Alan Juriansz, LB Richmond
- \* Councillor Peter McCabe, LB Merton – (Substitute Councillor Brenda Fraser)
- Councillor Bernie Muir, Surrey CC
- Councillor Anita Schaper, RB Kingston (Chair)
- \* Councillor Colin Stears, LB Sutton

\* Absent

**19. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2021/22**

Nominations for the position of Chair and Vice Chair of South West London and Surrey, Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal year were put forward:

Chair – Councillor Anita Schaper, proposed by Councillor Lesley Heap.

Vice Chair – Councillor Lesley Heap, proposed by Councillor Anita Schaper.

**RESOLVED that:**

Councillor Anita Schaper be appointed as Chair of the South West London and Surrey, Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Lesley Heap be appointed as Vice Chair of the South West London and Surrey, Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Voting: Unanimous

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**20. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Roger Crouch (LB Richmond), Councillor Alan Juriansz (LB Richmond), and Councillor Peter McCabe (LB Merton). Councillor Brenda Fraser (LB Merton) attended as a substitute for Councillor McCabe.

Councillor Richard Chatterjee (LB Croydon) and Councillor Sean Fitzsimons (LB Croydon) were in attendance online but were not in the meeting.

**21. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**22. Minutes**

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2021 be signed as a true record.

**23. Proposed Engagement on Changes to Renal Inpatient Services Appendix A in South West London and Surrey**

The Committee had before it a report by James Blythe, South West London (SWL) Integrated Care Systems (ICS) Specialised SRO and Maggie Lam, Deputy Director for Urgent Emergency Care (UEC) & Cancer, SWL, ICS. Mr Blythe was joined in making the presentation to the Committee by Dr Ginny Quan (NHS Trust), Prof Debasish Banarjee (NHS Trust), and Mr Stephen Webb SWL, ICS.

The purpose of the discussion with JHOSC was:

1. To present the proposal and supporting information to the SW London and Surrey JHOSC for discussion.
2. To seek the JHOSC's support to proceed with engagement on the basis laid out (taking into account any considerations raised by members of the JHOSC)

In July 2020, as part of the Improving Healthcare Together (IHT) programme, South West London and Surrey Heartlands CCGs approved the option for the consolidation of six acute services from the current Epsom and St Helier hospitals (ESTH) to a new Specialist Emergency Care Hospital (SECH) at the Sutton Hospital site, with the retention of District Hospital services at both Epsom and St Helier. As part of this, it was intended that renal (kidney) inpatient care would move from St Helier to the SECH.

During the consultation, renal physicians from both ESTH and St George's University Hospitals Hospital (SGUH) responded to the consultation to propose that instead of moving the inpatient renal care to the SECH, inpatient renal care at ESTH and SGH could be consolidated into a new single unit at SGH. The rationale for consolidating the inpatient renal care at a new unit at SGH was to bring about greater quality, sustainability, teaching and research within renal care across SWL and Surrey. Co-location of renal inpatient care alongside co-dependent services such as interventional radiology, vascular access surgery and transplantation surgery at SGH had clear benefits to both patients and to the services.

ESTH and SGUH developed a proposal in line with the clinical input to the IHT process. In December 2020, it was agreed by commissioners that a "renal variant option" be considered as part of the overall Outline Business Case (OBC) for the SECH. In January 2021, a separate OBC for the development of a new renal unit at

SGH was included in the main Building Your Future Hospital OBC, taking into account the entirety of the plans for the SECH and the existing Epsom and St Helier hospitals.

Following a meeting of the NHS Joint Investment Committee in May 2021, outline approval for the funding for the preferred option had been given. This was necessary for the team to proceed to JHOSC for discussion and public engagement. During discussion on the matter, Members raised questions around travel times, costs and public transport options. Members also raised concerns relating to the data sources used to generate the population totals with some members feeling the changes in the report were significantly underestimated. Questions were raised regarding patient capacity forecasting for the new hospital in St. George’s, and clarity was required on expanding the Day Care Surgery. Members suggested that further work on demographics and understanding patients’ needs and demands, was required. Members noted that there needed to be minimised disruption to services and treatments, particularly for the elderly and that greater references to the role of social care services needed to be included. Members asked for clarity on how the development of new pathways to expand services will be managed over the next 5-10 years. There was concern as to whether the engagement needs of hard-to-reach populations/groups (the disabled, the elderly, as well as the homeless) was being met. There was concern over access for visitors (family and friends) relied on public transport.

After discussion the committee agreed to support proceeding with engagement on the basis laid out (taking into account any considerations raised by members of the JHOSC)

Voting:

For: Councillors Schaper, Flook, Fraser, Goodwin, Heap, Henderson, Joyce (8).

Against: None.

Abstain: Councillor Muir

Signed.....Date.....

Chair

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