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APPOINTMENT OF A NAMED STANDING OBSERVER AND SUBSTITUTE FOR THE HAMPSHIRE TOGETHER JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Purpose of report: To appoint a named standing observer and substitute for the Hampshire Together Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Summary

1. In October 2019, Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust) received funding under the Department of Health and Social Care's Health Infrastructure Plan (HIP) to build a business case for capital investment to improve the services it offers to patients in north and central Hampshire. The Trust is part of Phase 2 of the HIP and has been given £5m seed funding to produce a Strategic Outline Case by 2022.
2. Options for the future service delivery model, including the potential for a new hospital site for acute services, have been shortlisted following initial public engagement, which took place between 1 June 2020 and 7 August 2020. The Trust, in conjunction with its Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) partners, plans to begin consulting with the public on what these services might look like in the first quarter of 2021.
3. The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 require NHS commissioners to consult local authorities on proposed substantial variations to health services and notify its local authority partners when it has such proposals under consideration.
4. The Trust and CCGs have engaged with both Hampshire County Council and neighbouring local authorities regarding their plans. On Friday 9 October 2020, Trust and CCG representatives met with the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Adults and Health Select Committee to discuss their proposals and arrangements for local authority scrutiny.
5. During the discussion, Members were presented with data relating to Trust hospital activity by local authority and hospital activity for north and central Hampshire patients between 2017/18 and 2019/20. This data indicated that

changes to hospital services in north and central Hampshire were unlikely to have a significant impact on both Surrey residents and services given the relatively low levels of cross-border activity. Between 2017/18 and 2019/20, Surrey residents accounted for 0.1% of the total number of inpatient and outpatient activity in north and central Hampshire, while A&E activity stood at 0.2%.

6. It was subsequently agreed that, if a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) was formed, Surrey County Council would not join as a full member but would instead send a standing observer to JHOSC meetings so that it could be kept informed of developments and the impact these might have on Surrey residents and services. The Vice-Chairman agreed to put himself forward for the role of standing observer.
7. On 3 December 2020, a JHOSC comprising representatives from Hampshire County Council and Southampton City Council was established by Hampshire County Council, and Surrey County Council was invited to attend future meetings as a standing observer.

Recommendations

The Adults and Health Select Committee is asked to appoint Bill Chapman as standing observer for the Hampshire Together JHOSC, and to identify and appoint a named substitute.

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Sources/background papers

[Hampshire County Council Full Council agenda – 3 December 2020](#)

[Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Hospital Activity by Local Authority from 2017/18 to 2019/20](#)

[Health Infrastructure Plan: A New, Strategic Approach to Improving Our Hospitals and Health Infrastructure](#)

[Hospital Activity for North and Mid-Hampshire Patients from 2017/18 to 2019/20](#)

[Local Authority \(Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny\) Regulations 2013](#)