

Committee: Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Team

Date: 23rd February 2012

Agenda item: **5**

Wards:

Subject: Update on Epsom and St Helier De-merger Plans

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Forward Plan reference number:

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Recommendations:

A. That the Panel comments on the latest position with the de-merger proposals.

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. Senior officers from Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust will attend the Panel to discuss the progress with the de merger of Epsom and St Helier hospitals.

2 DETAILS

2.1. In late January 2012, St George's Healthcare NHS Trust withdrew their bid to merge with St Helier Hospital.

2.2. On the 7 February 2012, the Transaction Board which in charge of overseeing the de-merger of Epsom and St Helier hospitals met to discuss the next steps. The committee made two key decisions:

- Plans to de-merge Epsom from St Helier and merge it with Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust would continue. However, it was noted that Ashford and St Peter's bid for Epsom was still subject to final agreement by the local NHS. The decision is due in March 2012.
- A number of options were put forward for St Helier going forward and it was agreed that further work was needed to explore them in more detail, with a specific focus on the benefits each would deliver for patients, local people and staff. The timeline for completing this work was set as July 2012.

2.3. Panel members will have the opportunity to discuss the current situation with the Chief Executive and Senior Officers within the Trust.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. Overview and Scrutiny Panels are free to determine their work programmes as they see fit and can therefore choose which issues to take into account when drawing up scrutiny work programmes.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. None specific to this report

5 TIMETABLE

- 5.1. None specific to this report

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. There are no additional resource implications

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. None specific to this report

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. None specific to this report

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. None specific to this report

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. None specific to this report

11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- None

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 12.1. none