

30 January 2018		ITEM: 7
Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board		
Update on Mid and South Essex STP consultation		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: For information and discussion	
Report of: Andy Vowles, Programme Director, Mid and South Essex STP		
Accountable Head of Service: Not applicable		
Accountable Director: Chief Executive		
This report is public		

Executive Summary

This paper provides an update on the consultation published by the Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP). It follows previous reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB).

The STP has launched a public consultation to run from 30 November 2017 to 9 March 2018. The consultation is seeking views on:

- The overall plan for health and care
- Proposals for hospital services in Southend, Chelmsford and Basildon
- Proposals to transfer services from Orsett Hospital to new centres closer to where people live

This update provides a summary of the process so far and key issues for the people of Thurrock.

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 The Board is asked to note the update and to consider the proposals published for consultation with a view to submitting a response by 9 March 2018.**

2. Introduction and background

Launch of consultation

2.1 Following the agreement of the CCG Joint Committee, we have published a range of materials to explain proposals for change, including:

- A main consultation document (which benefited from inputs from the HWB)
- Summary document and very short leaflet
- Short video animation
- Feedback questionnaire, available online and in hard copy format
- Additional information, including:
 - summary sheets on common themes from pre-consultation discussions - stroke, transport and financial plans
 - a summary of clinical evidence behind the proposals
 - more detailed information on how we arrived at the proposals
 - other background, such as details on travel times
 - highlights of what is happening in the Thurrock CCG area

2.2 Specifically for the residents of Thurrock and parts of Basildon, Brentwood and Billericay, there is a supplementary paper on *The future of locally based health and care services currently provided at Orsett Hospital*. This was drafted with input from officers of the Council.

2.3 Please see attached separately a copy of the supplementary paper on the proposed transfer of services from Orsett Hospital.

2.4 There is a dedicated consultation website for all of the above information and more, including blogs, frequently asked questions and details on the various ways to have your say. The website can be found at www.nhsmidandsouthessex.co.uk

2.5 We are also distributing printed documents, summaries and leaflets with the assistance of the CCG, Council, Healthwatch and CVS and promoting links to the consultation website via social media. A range of Information is available in different formats and languages on request.

2.6 Across the mid and south Essex area there is a programme of open discussion events, of which two large events are taking place in Thurrock on 24 January and 6 March. In addition there are a number of discussions being organised with key representatives, including:

- Service users and patient representatives of Thurrock CCG
- Service users of Orsett Hospital
- Healthwatch Thurrock and CVS
- Thurrock Diversity Network
- Stroke Association
- South Essex College

2.7 There is also a clear message in the consultation documents that meetings may be arranged on request, and we are adding activities all the time.

Summary of the key messages for consultation

2.8 We are consulting local people on some very specific proposals for changes in hospital services across mid and south Essex. This is only part of the overall plan for the next five years and, while considering the proposals for hospital changes, we need to keep sight of the wider picture of whole system change over the next five years.

2.9 The wider STP includes:

- Doing more to help people to stay healthy and avoid serious illness
- Building up GP and community services to improve access to care closer to where people live
- Joining up health and care services to provide local and more responsive physical, mental and social care together

2.10 The proposed changes to hospital services are based around five main principles:

- The majority of hospital care will remain local and each hospital will continue to have a 24 hour A&E department that receives ambulances.
- Certain more specialist services which need a hospital stay should be concentrated in one place, where this would improve your care and chances of a good recovery.
- Access to specialist emergency services, such as stroke care, should be via your local (or nearest) A&E, where you would be treated and, if needed, transferred to a specialist team, which may be in a different hospital
- Planned operations should, where possible, be separate from patients who are coming into hospital in an emergency.
- Some hospital services should be provided closer to you, at home or in a local health centre

2.11 Please see separately attached a PDF copy of the main consultation document and draft copy of a PowerPoint presentation including a summary of the potential impact on the residents of Thurrock.

Summary of proposals to transfer services from Orsett Hospital

2.12 In 2016 and again in 2017, Thurrock CCG and Thurrock Council consulted local people about health and social care services under the theme of *For Thurrock, In Thurrock*. As a result, there is a commitment to improve access to locally-based, high quality health and care services.

2.13 Local developments include:

- Extended teams of healthcare professionals working in GP practices
- Plans to establish four new *Integrated Medical Centres*

2.14 The current consultation seeks views on the proposed future transfer of diagnostic services, outpatient appointments and some minor treatments from Orsett Hospital to the four new integrated medical centres. The supplementary paper attached at appendix 1 provides further details on these proposals, including a request for views on:

- Renal services
- Musculoskeletal services

- Ophthalmology
- Minor injuries

2.15 There is a Memorandum of Understanding signed by all the health partners currently providing services from Orsett Hospital and Thurrock Council to agree the principle that no clinical services would be relocated from Orsett Hospital until alternative services are in place.

3. Current progress

3.1 At the time of writing this report, the consultation process is at an early stage. We will provide an oral update at the meeting, with a report from the open discussion event on 24 January, and other feedback we have received.

3.2 We anticipate that the common themes, in addition to views on the transfer of services from Orsett Hospital, will be around access to services, such as GPs, minor injuries and transport to services proposed for Southend and Chelmsford hospitals, such as:

- Complex surgery at Broomfield Hospital for specialist urology, abdominal surgery and specialist gastroenterology
- Complex gynaecological surgery at Southend Hospital
- Planned operations requiring a hospital stay for orthopaedics at Southend Hospital

4. Reasons for Recommendation

4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is a key partner in the STP. The Board oversees improvement in the health and wellbeing of the people of Thurrock. It is important that the work of the STP aligns with Thurrock's Health and Wellbeing Strategy and that the partnership across mid and south Essex is to the greater benefit of all residents.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

5.1 The STP programme team is also in discussion with the Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny and the consultation will be discussed on 18 January. We have already reported to the Committee with an overview of the consultation and we are due to attend the next meeting to receive views from the Committee.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

6.1 The STP programme will contribute to the delivery of the community priority 'Improve Health and Wellbeing'.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Verified by: Jo Freeman

Position: Management Accountant Social Care & Commissioning

One of the objectives of the STP is to respond to the current NHS funding gap across the Mid and South Essex geographical 'footprint'. A number of work streams have been established as part of the STP to improve quality of care provided to users of services and drive forward necessary savings. As a system-wide issue, partners from across the health and care system are involved in the work of the STP. This will help to ensure that any unintended financial consequences on any partners from what is planned as part of the STP are identified at the earliest opportunity and mitigated. Further implications will be identified as the work of the STP continues and these will be reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board as part of on-going updates. Thurrock has a finance representative involved in the STP and any financial implications, when known, will be reflected in the MTFs.

7.2 Legal

Verified by: David M G Lawson, Solicitor
Position: Assistant Director of Law & Governance

Legal implications associated with the work of the STP will be identified as individual work streams progress. The CCGs and trusts will continue to be responsible for meeting the requirements of NHS statutory duties, including the Duty to Involve and Public Sector Equality Duty. Implications will be reported to the Board as part of on-going updates.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Verified by: Natalie Warren
Position: Strategic Lead, Community Development and Equalities

We are working with public health colleagues in Thurrock Council to undertake actions that take full consideration of equality issues as guided by the Equality Act 2010. During the consultation process we are discussing equality issues with target groups, to gain further insight into the impact of proposals for hospital changes. The feedback from these discussions will inform a Community Equality Impact Assessment which will be considered as part of the commissioning decision-making process following consultation and in any future implementation planning.

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

None identified

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