

REPORT TO:	HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SUB-COMMITTEE 22 September 2020
SUBJECT:	Chair's Update on the South West London & Surrey JHSC Sub-Committee – Improving Healthcare Together 2020 – 2030
PERSON LEADING AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING:	Councillor Sean Fitzsimons – Chair of the Health & Social Care Sub-Committee
PUBLIC/EXEMPT:	Public

POLICY CONTEXT/AMBITIOUS FOR CROYDON:

By scrutinising health care provision affecting the borough it helps to ensure that outcomes are being achieved for the residents of Croydon.

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ORIGIN OF ITEM:	The Chair of the Health and Social Care Sub-Committee is appointed to sit on the South West London Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. This report provides an update on the recent work of its Sub-Committee focussed on the Improving Healthcare Together Plan.
BRIEF FOR THE SUB-COMMITTEE:	The Sub-Committee is asked to review the information provided, along with an update given by the Chair at the meeting, with a view to reaching a conclusion as to whether any further action is necessary.

1. CHAIR'S UPDATE ON THE SOUTH WEST LONDON & SURREY JHSC SUB-COMMITTEE – IMPROVING HEALTHCARE TOGETHER 2020 – 2030

- 1.1. The South West London Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (JHSC) consists of elected Members from the London Boroughs of Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth and was established to provide oversight of health care provision across South West London. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Health and Social Care Sub-Committee are appointed as Croydon Council's representatives on the JHSC.
- 1.2. In October 2018 the JHSC decided to set up a Sub-Committee to scrutinise the Improving Healthcare Together 2020-2030 Plan (IHT) that was being developed by NHS commissioners. Representation was also invited from Surrey County Council to reflect the areas covered by the 3 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) responsible for the plan (NHS Surrey Downs, Sutton and Merton).
- 1.3. The Sub-Committee has held a number of meetings, the agendas and minutes of which can be found at the following link:-

SW London & Surrey JHSC Sub-Committee IHT Agenda & Minutes

- 1.4. The IHT, which includes the possibility of significant service reconfiguration for the Epsom and St Helier Hospitals and the provision of a specialist emergency care hospital to be located at either Epsom, St Helier or Sutton sites, has been subject to public consultation. At their last meeting on 4 June 2020 the Sub-Committee considered its own response to the consultation, a copy of which can be found appended to this report as **Appendix A**.
- 1.5. The consultation period has now ended and it has subsequently been confirmed that Sutton site is the preferred option. Had there been agreement between the boroughs, the JHSC could have made a joint referral to the Secretary of State for Health asking for this decision to be reviewed. However, it was decided at an early stage in the process that the right to referral would be retained by individual boroughs.
- 1.6. The London Borough of Merton has submitted a referral to the Secretary of State for Health asking for this decision to be reviewed. A copy of the Merton's referral can be found appended to this report as **Appendix B**. At this stage it has not been confirmed whether any of the other boroughs will be making their own referrals.
- 1.7. The purpose of this report is to update the Sub-Committee on the what had happen to date and to ask for the input of Members on how to proceed going forward.
- 1.8. Potential options for the Sub-Committee to consider are:-
 - Taking no further action
 - Endorsing the referral made by LB Merton
 - Making a separate referral on behalf of Croydon.
- 1.9. Following the meeting the decision of the Sub-Committee will be reported back to the next meeting of the IHT Sub-Committee in October.

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APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT

Appendix A: South West London & Surrey JHSC Sub-Committee – Response to the Improving Healthcare Together consultation

Appendix B: London Borough of Merton – Referral to Secretary of State for Health