

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Report**

<b>Committee:</b>	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	29 April 2014
<b>Report Title:</b>	Inquiries Received and Action Taken
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<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Policy & Governance

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## 1. **Summary and Purpose**

- 1.1. This report provides Members with information about the issues brought to the attention of the Committee and the response to these referrals. It sets out the inquiries received, the source of this inquiry and any action taken. Where appropriate comments have been included and copies of briefings or other information attached.
- 1.2. The approach adopted provides the route through Local HealthWatch and other partner organisations (Hampshire district councils, NHS organisations, voluntary and independent sector providers and organisations that are representative of social care service users and carers) can raise issues with the Committee.
- 1.3. Where inquiries raised with the Committee are already subject to monitoring or other performance management activities the action taken will be focused on the local resolution of inquiries through appropriate sign-posting to the agency best placed to respond.
- 1.4. Where an issue cannot be satisfactorily resolved between the parties concerned then the Committee can consider options for further action.
- 1.5. New issues raised with the Committee, and those that are subject to on-going reporting, are set out in Table One of this report.
- 1.6. The recommendations included in this report support the Corporate Strategy aim of maximising wellbeing through the overview and scrutiny of health services in the Hampshire County Council area.

**Table One: Inquiries Received and Action Taken**

Topic/ inquiry	Source	Action Taken	Comment
Adult Mental Health – progress with service relocation	Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	<p>Committee agreed in September 2013 that move of adult mental health wellbeing centre and some recovery services was not a substantial change in service.</p> <p>Members requested update after move. Report attached as <a href="#">Appendix 1</a> (page 6).</p>	Services now or are due to be based in Aldershot Centre for Health, with a satellite clinic in Fleet.
<p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p>That Members confirm:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If they are satisfied with the actions Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust in implementing the service relocation.</li> <li>b. If they require further information.</li> </ol>			
Frimley Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust: proposed merger – submission to the Competition and Markets Authority	North East Hampshire and Farnham CCG / Surrey Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<p>Letter sent to Competition and Markets Authority raising key issues that the HOSC would expect to see taken into account when considering any merger between the two hospitals.</p> <p>Invitation to submit evidence is attached as <a href="#">Appendix 2</a> (page 8), letter of response from the HOSC is attached as <a href="#">Appendix 3</a> (page 9).</p>	Response was sent on behalf of Chairman given short deadline for submissions.

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<b>Recommendations:</b>			
That Members:			
1. Confirm if a further item is required on this topic.			

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**

**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

**The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)**

Document

Location

None

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **Equalities Impact Assessment:**

No implications arising from this report

### **Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

No implications arising from this report

### **Climate Change:**

- How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?  
No implications arising from this report
  
- How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?  
No implications arising from this report

## Reprovision of Services from Frimley Children's Centre

### April 2014 - Progress Update

#### 1. Background

Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust provided the following services at this site until 31 March 2014:

- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services for residents of West Surrey
- Adult Mental Health Wellbeing Centre at Beech House, predominantly for residents of N E Hampshire and some residents of Surrey Health
- Substance Misuse Services for residents of West Surrey

The site is in the process of being redeveloped by Frimley Park Hospital and alternative locations have therefore been sought for these services. An active engagement process for people who use services and staff has been implemented for all these services relocations.

#### 2. Adult Mental Health Services

The Adult Mental Health Wellbeing Centre at Beech House predominantly provides services for residents of N E Hampshire and some residents of Surrey Health. The staff and services relocated to Aldershot Centre for Health on the 29 December 2013.

The Beech House art and drama groups have relocated to the Cove CMHRs until such time as our additional space requirement at Aldershot Centre for Health can be

formally granted as a lease by NHS Property Services, and then refurbished. When this happens all mental health services provided at Cove will then relocate to Aldershot Centre for Health and also a satellite clinic in Fleet.

### **3. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services**

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services for residents of West Surrey relocated from Frimley Children's centre to the Ridgewood Centre Frimley at the end of March 2014 (when our accommodation on Frimley Children's Centre was formally handed over to Frimley Park Hospital). This is an interim move into newly refurbished accommodation until such time as our new Camberley hub opens in 2015/2016.

### **4. Substance Misuse Services**

Substance Misuse Services for residents of West Surrey relocated from Frimley Children's Centre to the Ridgewood Centre Frimley in the autumn of 2013.

### **5. Next Steps**

We are seeking support from NHS Property Services to formalise our lease for additional space at Aldershot Centre for Health. We hope that this will be concluded by June 2014.

**Pat Keeling, Director of Strategic Change**

**April 2014**



# CMA reviews proposed merger of Frimley Park and Heatherwood and Wexham NHS Hospitals

Organisation: [Competition and Markets Authority](#)

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The Competition and Markets Authority is reviewing the proposed merger of Frimley Park Hospital NHS Foundation Trust with Heatherwood and Wexham Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, following notification from the hospitals.

The CMA has today issued an 'Invitation to Comment' which seeks views from third parties.

Frimley Park and Heatherwood and Wexham Hospitals serve patients across a wide area, including Hampshire, Surrey and Berkshire.

The CMA's role is to examine the impact that the merger could have on patient choice and the quality of healthcare services provided. The CMA undertakes an objective and evidence-based assessment of the effects of NHS mergers on competition and aims primarily to ensure that such mergers do not result in lower levels of quality of healthcare services for patients.

The CMA is the new independent competition and consumer agency that has taken over the Office of Fair Trading and Competition Commission's role in reviewing mergers across all sectors of the economy, including healthcare.

The deadline for comments to be received on the proposed merger is 11 April 2014. The CMA's current administrative target for reaching a decision in this case is 29 May 2014. Comments can be sent to [clementine.debrosses@cma.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:clementine.debrosses@cma.gsi.gov.uk)



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To whom it may concern,

**Request from CMA for comments on the proposed merger of Frimley Park Hospital NHS Foundation Trust with Heatherwood and Wexham Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

The Hampshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) have been provided with the opportunity to comment on the proposed merger of Frimley Park Hospital NHS Foundation Trust with Heatherwood and Wexham Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust by the Competition & Markets Authority (CMA). The Hampshire HOSC last considered the possible merger of the two Foundation Trusts through a paper from one of its commissioners, North East Hampshire and Farnham Clinical Commissioning Group (NEH&F CCG), in November 2013. The Committee expects to receive a future update from NEH&F CCG once the CMA's process has concluded.

Due to the very short timescales for comments to the CMA, this submission has been agreed by the Chairman on behalf of the Hampshire HOSC. These views are based on informal discussions with commissioners, whose views we support through NEH&F CCG's separate submission.

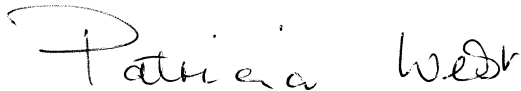
We wish for the following concerns to be taken into account by the CMA when considering this potential merger:

1. The requirement for a clinical strategy across the two sites which clearly sets out how services will be structured in future, and the benefits and outcomes that will be realised for the patients of North East Hampshire.
2. The need for any merger to be financially sustainable.
3. Should the merger go ahead, assurance that services provided to the population of North East Hampshire through Frimley Park Hospital NHS Foundation Trust continue to operate at a high quality level, and adequate resource is embedded to ensure the future sustainability of services.

While it is clear that the inclusion of broad intentions for service development in this proposed merger do not constitute formal consultation, specific changes may have wider implications and will need to be discussed with relevant local authority to determine if they are substantial in nature. Should this be determined, affected local authority health scrutiny committees would expect to see evidence that Frimley Park Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has engaged and involved stakeholders, through consultation, in relation to any changes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information on my comments above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia West". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

**Cllr Pat West**  
**Chairman, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee**