

## Hyper Acute Stroke Consultation

QEQM Hospital Cabinet Advisory Group	<b>19 April 2018</b>
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Status	<b>For Recommendation</b>
Classification:	<b>Unrestricted</b>
Key Decision	<b>No</b>
Ward:	<b>All Wards</b>

### **Executive Summary:**

The NHS are proposing to improve stroke services across Kent and Medway by creating three 24\7 hyper acute stroke units. The consultation suggests five different locations to choose three from. There is a significant prescribed response questionnaire to complete.

### **Recommendation(s):**

That the Cabinet Advisory Group prepares a response to the consultation.

### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

<b>Financial and Value for Money</b>	Whilst there is no direct financial impact for Thanet District Council with regard to the proposals there is a cost in resources to assist in preparing a response with the Cabinet Advisory Group
<b>Legal</b>	By providing a response to this consultation Thanet District Council are not taking any responsibility for the delivery of these services, merely passing comment on the suitability of their location.
<b>Corporate</b>	It is important that the Council make formal representations on behalf of their constituents.
<b>Equality Act 2010 &amp; Public Sector Equality Duty</b>	<p>Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</p> <p>Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy &amp; maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage &amp; civil partnership.</p>

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<p>Whilst this report has no specific impact on protected characteristics the response provided to the hyper acute stroke consultation should take into account the impact that the proposals have on those with the protected characteristics of disability, age, and socio-economic background.</p>		

<b>CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓</b>	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓

<b>CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓</b>	
Delivering value for money	✓
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	✓

## 1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The NHS in Kent and Medway (Bexley in South East London and the High Weald area of East Sussex) are running a public consultation on the future of urgent stroke services in Kent and Medway. The NHS is asking for people's views on proposals to establish new 24/7 hyper acute stroke units in Kent and Medway.
- 1.2 Improving stroke services is part of a wider programme across Kent and Medway involving all the local NHS organisations, Kent County Council and Medway Council looking at what needs to be done differently to bring about better health and wellbeing, better standards of care, and better use of staff, funds and other resources.

## 2.0 The Current Situation

- 2.1 The consultation advises that despite best efforts, the way in which stroke services are currently organised and a shortage of specialist staff means the majority of hospital stroke services do not consistently meet national standards for clinical quality.
- There are only 1/3 of the stroke consultants needed to deliver a best practice service in all hospitals.
  - 24/7 access is not consistently available for consultants, brain scans and clot busting drugs
  - One in three stroke patients are not getting brain scans in the recommended time after arriving at hospital.
  - Only one unit sees enough stroke patients for staff to maintain and develop their expertise (recommended minimum of 500 stroke patients per year)
  - Half of all appropriate patients are not getting clot busting drugs in the recommended time after arriving at hospital.
- 2.2 Stroke services can be separated into three areas: Prevention; urgent care during a stroke; and rehabilitation. The current consultation focuses purely on changes to

urgent stroke services provided in hospitals across Kent and Medway and is being run jointly by the clinical commissioning groups.

- 2.3 The proposal is to establish hyper acute stroke units operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to care for all stroke patients seen in Kent and Medway. Each unit would also have alongside it: an acute stroke unit where people may go after the initial 72 hours for further care until they are ready to be discharged and a transient ischaemic attack clinic (TIAs are also known as “mini strokes” and can be an indication that a stroke may follow).
- 2.4 The consultation is looking at whether 3 units is the right amount and there are 5 potential options for their location. The options are:  
 A. Darent Valley Hospital, Medway Maritime Hospital, William Harvey Hospital  
 B. Darent Valley Hospital, Maidstone Hospital, William Harvey Hospital  
 C. Maidstone Hospital, Medway Maritime Hospital, William Harvey Hospital  
 D. Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Medway Maritime Hospital, William Harvey Hospital  
 E. Darent Valley Hospital, Tunbridge Wells Hospital and William Harvey Hospital
- 2.5 To develop the option calculations of travel times and how many stroke patients each unit would see have also included people living in areas outside Kent and Medway where one of the proposed hyper acute stroke units may become their closest specialist stroke service, depending on where they live. This would include: Bexley residents – a hyper acute stroke unit at Darent Valley Hospital may become their nearest, depending on where they live and High Weald Lewes Havens residents – a hyper acute stroke unit at Tunbridge Wells Hospital may become their nearest, depending on where they live.
- 2.6 This is a brief overview of the reasons for change and the proposals, the full 48 Page consultation document is available at:  
<https://kentandmedway.nhs.uk/stroke-consultation-documents/>
- 2.7 The consultation requires a specific survey to be completed a copy of which is attached as annex 1.

### 3.0 Options

- 3.1 Draft a response to the NHS consultation on improving urgent stroke services in Kent and Medway.

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### Annex List

Annex 1	Copy of consultation response document
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### Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
<i>Improving urgent stroke services in Kent and Medway</i>	<a href="https://kentandmedway.nhs.uk/stroke-consultation-documents/">https://kentandmedway.nhs.uk/stroke-consultation-documents/</a>

### Corporate Consultation

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