

Report to: **East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)**

Date: **17th June 2010**

By: **Assistant Director - Legal and Democratic Services**

Title of report: **Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust – Teaching, Trauma and Tertiary Care (3T) Programme**

Purpose of report: **To brief HOSC on the progress of the 3T programme and its implications for East Sussex residents.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

HOSC is recommended:

- 1. To consider and comment on the progress of the 3T programme and its implications for East Sussex residents.**
 - 2. To agree whether the Committee requires further information or reports on the programme at future meetings.**
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1. Background

1.1 Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust (BSUH) operates from two main acute hospital sites – the Royal Sussex County Hospital site in Brighton and the Princess Royal Hospital in Haywards Heath, West Sussex. The Trust is also responsible for the Royal Alexandra Children’s Hospital and Sussex Eye Hospital, both located on its Brighton site and the Hurstwood Park Neurological Centre in Haywards Heath. (Neurological = care of brain and nervous system).

1.2 Following public consultation and scrutiny by local HOSCs during 2004, the Trust reorganised some of its services between its two main sites so that the Royal Sussex County Hospital focussed more on emergency care and the Princess Royal Hospital more on planned (elective) care. The Trust works on a ‘one hospital on two sites’ basis, meaning that the services on the two sites are designed to complement each other, with the hospitals and their staff working closely together, rather than the two hospitals operating independently.

1.3 BSUH provides district general hospital services for its local population which includes Brighton and Hove, Mid-Sussex and the western part of East Sussex. However, the Trust also has a regional role as a tertiary care centre, providing more specialist services in areas such as cancer care, paediatric (children’s) care and trauma to a large catchment population encompassing most of Sussex and beyond.

2. Teaching, Trauma and Tertiary Care (3T) programme

2.1 The 2004 consultation mentioned in 1.2 above included the principle of the Royal Sussex County Hospital developing further as a tertiary care centre. This included moving the services provided at the Hurstwood Park Neurological Centre in Haywards Heath down to Brighton so that they would be co-located with other services needed to support a higher level Trauma Centre.

2.2 The Trust has made progress towards its tertiary care development aims over the past few years in a number of ways, for example:

- Building the new Royal Alexandra Children’s Hospital on the Royal Sussex County site;
- Moving services into community settings or to other hospital sites where possible to enable room for development on the Royal Sussex County site;
- Developing its existing tertiary services and its links with the Medical School.

2.3 The 3T programme aims to build on this work and involves significant redevelopment of part of the Royal Sussex County site which currently houses mostly older buildings which are no longer considered appropriate for the provision of modern healthcare. The redevelopment will cost in the order of £400m.

2.4 Some key aims of the 3T programme are:

- the development of BSUH as a major regional trauma centre, including relocating the Hurstwood Park Neurological Centre to Brighton – currently a full range of trauma services are available within the Trust, but not in the same location, meaning that patients with both head and body injuries often have to be airlifted to London.
- upgrading the Trust's specialist (tertiary) facilities to reinforce the Royal Sussex County Hospital's position as a regional tertiary centre. This may mean that more services are available within Sussex, thus reducing the need for patients to travel to London.
- building on the success of the Medical School – having a successful medical school in Sussex can help in bringing high quality staff into the county to work in local hospitals.

3. Implications for East Sussex

3.1 BSUH provides two levels of care for East Sussex residents – for residents in a significant area of the west of the county their local hospital is in Brighton or Haywards Heath and they receive the majority of their hospital based care there. The Trust also provides more specialist care for a catchment area which includes the whole of East Sussex.

3.2 Local hospitals within East Sussex, run by East Sussex Hospitals Trust also have links with BSUH through networks in areas such as cancer, cardiac and paediatric care. For example, in March 2010 HOSC considered a proposal to introduce a radiotherapy service in Eastbourne, run by staff from BSUH, as part of the network approach to cancer care.

3.3 In July 2009 HOSC received a presentation on the 3T programme from BSUH. HOSC raised issues including the impact of the Trust's development on other local hospitals, communication with East Sussex residents who would be affected, and the impact of the programme on the accessibility of the Royal Sussex County Hospital site in Brighton. The Trust confirmed that the plans were not based on taking over work from other hospitals, but instead on a networking approach between hospitals. In terms of accessibility, the plans included transport access and a small increase in parking spaces, with negotiations ongoing with the City Council as to what could be achieved on the site.

3.4 The Trust confirmed in July 2009 that the Strategic Health Authority would be considering the outline business case for the development by September 2009 and, if approved, this would lead on to development of a full business case, with the final decision on funding resting with the Treasury.

4. Issues to consider

4.1 The Trust has provided a presentation which gives an overview of progress on the 3T programme (attached as appendix 1). Duncan Selbie, Chief Executive and Duane Passman, Director of 3T, Estates and Facilities will present this to HOSC and respond to questions.

4.2 HOSC may wish to explore the following issues:

- Whether the timetable for the programme has been delayed since the last update to HOSC
- The Trust's level of confidence that capital funding will be available given national financial challenges.
- What progress has been made in terms of transport and accessibility planning.
- How local residents, particularly in the west of East Sussex, will be informed and engaged about changes to the provision of services as the development progresses.

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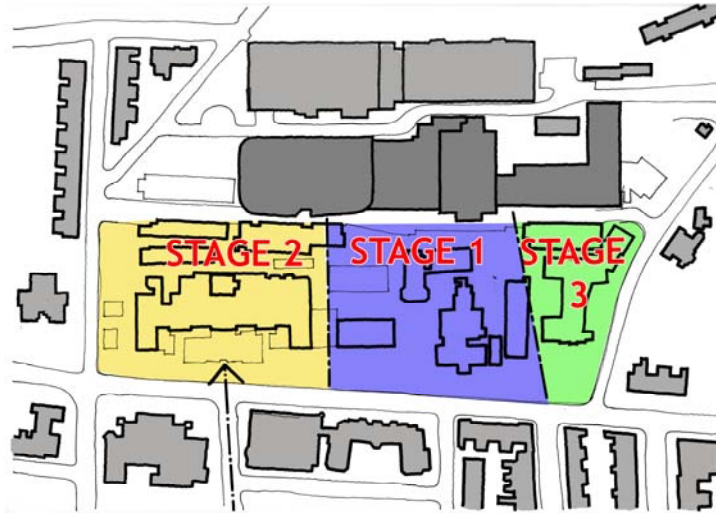
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Presentation

- Development Stages;
- Current Preferred Design;
- Timetable;
- Decant/Impact;
- Wider Benefits;
- Questions.

Development Stages



Current Preferred Option



Timetable (1)

- Pre-application work starts now – working on detailed schedule of engagement;
- Prepare Planning Application for Main Scheme for Submission by Christmas 2010;
- Consideration April/May 2011;
- Decanting works start end 2010;
- Demolitions start Sept/Oct 2011;
- First stage construction starts end 2011.

Timetable (2)

- First stage construction completes 2015;
- Second stage construction completes 2018;
- Overall completion 2020.

Decant/Impact

- Patient Services:
 - Nuclear Medicine – stays at RSCH;
 - Audiology/SaLT/Rheumatology OP/Physiotherapy – to Brighton General;
 - Other affected areas offices/management – to St. Mary's Hall (subject to agreement).
- Undertaking a detailed traffic impact assessment – looking to increase car parking overall by 200 spaces;

Wider Benefits

- Neurosurgery – expanded capacity, patients treated more locally;
- Cancer – expanded capacity across the network;
- Trauma – regional Trauma network;
- Teaching – benefits to all Kent/Surrey/Sussex providers.

Questions