

Committee: Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 15 January 2014

Agenda item:

Wards: ALL

Subject: South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust – Foundation Trust Proposal

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Forward Plan reference number:

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Recommendations:

- A. South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust requests that the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Merton supports the Trust's proposed governance requirements at the point the Trust becomes a Foundation Trust through a letter of support or a minuted discussion.

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. The government expects that all NHS trusts will become Foundation Trusts or transition to an alternative sustainable form. Those NHS Trusts that have not yet attained FT status are accountable to the NHS Trust Development Authority (NTDA). By becoming a Foundation Trust South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust will be best placed to deliver excellent mental health services for our communities and tackle local issues head on. The result will be better mental health and wellbeing for our service users and local people. Full Details are attached at **Appendix A**

2 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel can select topics for scrutiny review and for other scrutiny work as it sees fit, taking into account views and suggestions from officers, partner organisations and the public.

Cabinet is constitutionally required to receive, consider and respond to scrutiny recommendations within two months of receiving them at a meeting.

- 2.1. Cabinet is not, however, required to agree and implement recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny. Cabinet could agree to implement some, or none, of the recommendations made in the scrutiny review final report.

3 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

3.1. The Panel will be consulted at the meeting

4 TIMETABLE

4.1. The Panel will consider important items as they arise as part of their work programme for 2013/14

5 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

5.1. None relating to this covering report

6 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

6.1. None relating to this covering report. . Scrutiny work involves consideration of the legal and statutory implications of the topic being scrutinised.

7 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

7.1. It is a fundamental aim of the scrutiny process to ensure that there is full and equal access to the democratic process through public involvement and engaging with local partners in scrutiny reviews. Furthermore, the outcomes of reviews are intended to benefit all sections of the local community.

8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

8.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the crime and disorder implications of the topic being scrutinised.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

9.1. None relating to this covering report

10 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- South West London and St Georges Mental Health Trust - Foundation Trust Proposals

11 BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1.