

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Health Scrutiny Committee – 25 February 2016

Subject: Health and Wellbeing Update – Part 2 – Additional Information

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Summary

This briefing is to update committee members on Central Manchester Foundation Trust's (CMFT) proposals for dermatology services in central and south Manchester.

Recommendation

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

Wards Affected: All

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

None

Dermatology Services at Central Manchester Foundation Trust

1.0 Introduction

In September 2014, South Manchester CCG, on behalf of Central Manchester CCG, notified Central Manchester Foundation Trust (CMFT) of their intention to procure a Community Dermatology Service to deliver dermatology services to the registered population of Central & South Manchester and Trafford CCGs.

The service was commissioned to benefit those patients with dermatological or low risk skin cancer conditions who didn't require secondary care intervention and could be safely managed in a community setting. It was also intended to improve access to dermatology services and ease the increasing demands on secondary care capacity.

The CCGs therefore served notice of their intention to decommission all dermatology activity provided by CMFT, with the exception of HSC205 (cancer 2 week wait [2WW]) activity. CMFT were also advised that, once the new community service was operational, there would be some onward referral activity to CMFT from the service where clinical need was identified.

2.0 Background

As a result of the expected decrease in dermatology activity being referred to the Trust, CMFT notified Central & South Manchester and Trafford CCGs of their intention to withdraw from the provision of all non-HSC205 (cancer 2 week-wait [2WW]) activity from May 2015, and from all outpatient Dermatology provision, including 2WW, from 1st February 2016, due to residual service levels not being financially or clinically viable.

This resulted in on-going dialogue between the CCGs and CMFT to seek to agree an acceptable resolution to the provision of Dermatology services for the registered population of central & south Manchester, and to ensure access to secondary care services was not compromised. It should be noted that, within this dialogue, CMFT provided assurance that they would continue to ensure the availability of specialist dermatology services required by inpatients at the Trust, and that this would be provided by expertise from Salford Royal Foundation Trust (SRFT).

In November 2015, it was agreed by the CCGs and CMFT that outpatient Dermatology services would continue to be delivered by CMFT from their Trafford site. CMFT committed to progress these plans, with a view to centralising on the Trafford site as close as possible to the previously signalled transition date of 1st February 2016.

To support this proposal, and ensure all partners were included in and aware of discussions, a meeting took place on 9th February 2016 which was attended by colleagues from CMFT, Central & South Manchester and Trafford CCGs, the University Hospital of South Manchester (UHSM), and Community Outpatients (the provider of the Community Dermatology Service), with representation from the British Association of Dermatologists (BAD).

The meeting was positive, with CMFT providing an update on the proposed move to Trafford, and confirming their agreement to work with UHSM to develop a shared service model for dermatology across central and south Manchester. Critically, this means that they share the risk around capacity pressures, and will work together to ensure that the UHSM service at Withington Community Hospital (WCH), which is conveniently located for many central Manchester patients, remains resilient.

CMFT also confirmed their intention to deliver a service from Altrincham General Hospital, in addition to the Trafford site, and that they will seek to grow the service in response to demand and clinical need. They are open to retaining an outpatient service on the Manchester Royal Infirmary (MRI) site if there are a significant number of patients who wish to be seen at a central Manchester site. All locations are supported by good public transport links.

The CCGs are supportive of the approach proposed by CMFT, and will continue to work with the Trust and partner colleagues to progress implementation. The proposed start date for the Trafford site is 1st April 2016, but referrals are being accepted now.

We are awaiting further documentation from CMFT, with a detailed outline of proposals and timescales, and will be happy to share this with Committee members when available.

3.0 Recommendation

The committee is asked to note the contents of the report.