

Subject:	3Ts Update		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 '3Ts' is the programme to redevelop the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (RSCH); modernising the hospital and making it a regional centre for Teaching, Tertiary (specialist) services, and Trauma care.
- 1.2 3Ts is a major initiative, funded by around £400M NHS capital investment, and the works will take a number of years to complete. The project is complex, not just because of its sheer scale, but also because the RSCH must continue to operate as normal throughout the build.
- 1.3 The HOSC has been tracking the evolution of the 3Ts project for a number of years, and this is the latest in a series of updates.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members note the update on the 3Ts development of the Royal Sussex County Hospital.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals Trust (BSUH) provides general hospital services for people living in and around Brighton & Hove and Mid Sussex. BSUH operates two large hospital sites: the RSCH in Brighton and the Princess Royal Hospital (PRH) in Hayward's Heath.
- 3.2 As well as providing general hospital services, the RSCH site has been used for a number of years for more specialist services, accessed both by local people and on a regional basis. The local health economy has long been committed to further develop the capacity of the RSCH as both a specialist hospital (including becoming the regional trauma care centre) and as a teaching hospital, and a bid for NHS capital funding to re-develop the RSCH site was submitted several years ago.

- 3.3 The bid for capital funding was eventually approved, and the 3Ts development is now underway.
- 3.4 When completed, 3Ts will provide vitally needed improvements to RSCH estates, particularly in terms of some of the 19th century buildings still being used to deliver front-line hospital services. HOSC members have previously supported the aims of 3Ts, as has the Health & Wellbeing Board and the city council.
- 3.5 However, HOSC members have previously expressed concerns about some aspects of the 3Ts project. These concerns include:
- The risks associated with continuing to run a very busy general hospital on the RSCH site whilst redevelopment works take place, particularly given longstanding capacity issues at the site: e.g. in relation to parking and to the A&E department.
 - What happens to standard hospital services for local people as the RSCH increasingly becomes a specialist care centre: e.g. will people still be able to access routine hospital services at the RSCH? Will there be alternative local community provision of some services? Will more people have to travel to other Sussex hospitals (e.g. PRH or Worthing) for some services?

Members may therefore wish to explore these specific areas of concern with BSUH representatives.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Not relevant to this update report.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 None directly to this report. The 3Ts programme has been through a full public engagement process and the HOSC has previously had sight of engagement plans.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Members are asked to note this update, with particular reference to: a) how project risks are being managed; and b) any adverse impact on local people's access to healthcare consequent to the 3Ts development.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 None to this report for information

Legal Implications:

7.2 None to this report for information

Equalities Implications:

7.3 3Ts will improve the hospital environment and will support BSUH in delivering better quality care. This will have a positive impact on some protected groups (particularly older people) who are disproportionately heavy users of hospital services.

Sustainability Implications:

7.4 Currently, the RSCH is the local general hospital for city residents. It is currently unclear whether the development of RSCH as a specialist centre will have a negative impact on access to standard hospital services for local people. This will depend on which if any services are provided in alternative locations, and the access arrangements for such locations.

Any Other Significant Implications:

7.5 None identified

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

None

