

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

## **REPORT TO: Health and Adults in the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

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**Date of Meeting:** 12 June 2014  
**Report of:** Democratic Services  
**Subject/Title:** Clatterbridge Cancer Centre Service Development Proposals  
**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor Janet Clowes

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### **1.0 Report Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides a brief explanation of Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust's proposals to develop its services and the requirements of the Committee to respond to a formal consultation.

### **2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Committee respond to the formal consultation by indicating that the Trust's proposals are not considered to be a substantial development or variation in service to the Borough of Cheshire East.

### **3.0 Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 Evidence suggests that the proposed service development does not constitute a substantial development to health services in Cheshire East and does not warrant the Council being represented on a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the affected local authorities.

### **4.0 Wards Affected**

- 4.1 All

### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1 All

### **6.0 Financial Implications**

- 6.1 None

### **7.0 Legal implications (authorised by the Borough Solicitor)**

- 7.1 None

### **8.0 Risk Management**

- 8.1 By deciding that the Trust's proposals are not an SDV for the Borough the Committee will be relinquishing any rights under the regulations to be consulted on or to contribute to any formal consultation being carried out by a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## **9.0 Background**

- 9.1 The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 require relevant NHS bodies or health service providers to consult local authorities on any proposals under consideration which are a substantial development of the health service in the area of the local authority or a substantial variation in the provision of such service (Reg 23 – Consultation by responsible persons).
- 9.2 Where the responsible person consults more than one local authority pursuant to regulation 23, those local authorities must appoint a joint overview and scrutiny committee for the purposes of the consultation and only that joint overview and scrutiny committee may make comments on the proposal consulted on (Reg 30 Joint committees).
- 9.3 In February 2014 the Committee received a briefing from Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust (CCC) on proposals it was planning to bring forward proposals to reconfigure the non-surgical oncology services they provide in line with the recommendations of an independent review into cancer service provision, commissioned by the Merseyside and Cheshire Cancer Network (MCCN) in 2008.
- 9.4 In outline, the proposal is for CCC to build a new cancer centre in Liverpool to provide all oncology inpatient services and associated radiotherapy, chemotherapy and outpatient services that the Trust is responsible for. The Trust's Wirral site would be retained and continue to provide outpatient radiotherapy and chemotherapy treatments for Wirral and West Cheshire patients who would find it easier to access the Wirral site rather than Liverpool.
- 9.5 The Committee was informed that only inpatients would in future have to go to the new Liverpool building, with all other patients from the Cheshire East area likely to go to the existing Wirral site being the closest to them. Appendix A shows the number of patients from Cheshire East postcodes that received CCC services during 2012/13, what treatment they received and where. The highlighted column shows the number of residents that received inpatient treatment at the Wirral site who would be affected by the proposed development in Liverpool. It is recommended that this is a very small number in comparison to the number of residents affected in other Cheshire and Merseyside local authority areas such as Liverpool and Wirral and does not constitute a substantial development to Cheshire East.
- 9.6 A Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee of those authorities for which the proposal by CCC is a substantial development or variation will be formed by those authorities. If the Committee agrees that the proposal is not a substantial development or variation for Cheshire East then the Scrutiny Officer, in consultation with the

Chairman will write to CCC and the other Cheshire and Merseyside authorities informing them of that decision.

## **10.0 Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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