

**Meeting:** Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Location:** Greenwich Council, Woolwich Town Hall

**Date:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

**Title:** Update on Commissioning of Pathology and Diagnostic Services

**Presenter:** Julie Lowe and Tom Henderson

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**Summary:**

In September 2017 all south east London provider Trusts and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) formed a Pathology Programme board to drive transformation of pathology services by developing a network model to deliver pathology tests and results.

The development of a network was in response to NHS Improvement's ask of all hospital trusts in England to create pathology networks to drive efficiency and reduce variation. In addition, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation and Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trusts' current contract with their pathology provider, Viapath, was due to end in September 2020 and a new provider needed to be sought, under a new network model.

In August 2018 the programme launched a procurement to find a pathology provider able to deliver a high quality and efficient network model for the participating organisations: Guy's and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust, Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Oxleas Foundation Trust, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust and the six South East London CCGs.

The south east London JHOSC was updated on the progress of the programme and the launch of the procurement in September 2018.

Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust did not join the network procurement and are developing alternative network arrangements outside of south east London.

This paper provides an update to all stakeholders on the progress of the procurement of a provider to deliver the network model and the expected timescales for contract award.

**Action Required**

Members are asked to note the update on the progress made in developing the south east London pathology network.

