

Annex 1

Position Statement: responses to the Improving Healthcare Together 2020 -2030

1. The Council welcomes the decision to invest £500m into the provision of world class health care services for the residents of the borough
2. The Council strongly recommends that the proposed new specialist emergency care hospital should be located at Epsom General Hospital. The alternative locations are too London centric, create travel access difficulties for Epsom and Ewell residents and do not adequately address the future expansion of housing and population anticipated in Epsom and Ewell and East Surrey.
3. Should the new hospital not be located at Epsom hospital, in recognition of the wider financial impact on the NHS regarding the hospital location options, as outlined in the consultation documentation, that Sutton is the Council's second preference.
4. It is recognised that Epsom hospital has never had full A&E trauma services, such as emergency surgery. Should the new emergency care hospital not be located at Epsom, a 24 hour Urgent Treatment Centre unit should be retained at Epsom General Hospital which supports treatment for all but the most serious of cases.
5. This council recognises that 85% of current services will remain at Epsom hospital in the event of Sutton or St Helier being chosen as the preferred site for the new acute hospital.
6. Wherever the new emergency care hospital is built, this council recognises the financial benefits to the Trust in reducing their reliance on expensive agency staff. The Council also recognises that the investment in Epsom hospital will significantly reduce the hospital's operating deficit and therefore make the future of Epsom hospital more certain.