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University Hospitals Tees (UHT) – Case for Change and Strategy

Report to: Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Report from: Democratic Services

Decision Type: Committee

HEADLINE POSITION

1. Summary of report

- 1.1 The Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is receiving a presentation from University Hospitals Tees (UHT) regarding its Case for Change and overall strategy. The presentation provides an update on progress since December 2025, outlines the key elements of the Case for Change, and describes potential changes to the model of care and next steps.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members note the information provided and consider the issues raised within the presentation.

3. Background

- 3.1 UHT's Case for Change sets out the rationale for why it needs to redesign and develop its model of care in line with its Caring Better Together strategy. The presentation considers demand and capacity, performance variation, workforce sustainability, estate and financial challenges. The strategy describes three key shifts: increasing activity closer to home and in communities, maximising activity in surgical hubs, and the potential consolidation of some specialist clinical services at acute sites. UHT advises that no decisions have been made and that any proposed changes would be subject to appropriate engagement and consultation.

- 3.2 Representatives of UHT will be in attendance to present the information and respond to Members' questions.

4. Background Papers

- 4.1 There are no background papers to this report.

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