

# **HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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## **WORK PROGRAMME**

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### **Summary**

This report advises Members of the current work programme for discussion in the light of latest priorities, issues and circumstances. This report gives Members the opportunity to shape and direct the Committee's activities.

### **1. Budget and Policy Framework**

- 1.1 Under Chapter 4 – Rules, paragraph 22.1 (v) General terms of reference, each overview and scrutiny committee has the responsibility for setting its own work programme.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1 Appendix 1 to this report sets out the existing work programme for the Committee.

### **3. Task group work**

- 3.1. The Task Group on mental health has now concluded its work and consideration of the report of the Task Group is programmed for consideration by the Committee at its meeting on 18 December 2013.
- 3.2. The health inequalities task group has had an initial scoping meeting which will be followed on 13 November by a full briefing on health inequalities and proportionate universalism following which the key lines of enquiry will be finalised.
- 3.3. At a recent meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board a request was made by the Healthwatch Medway representative on the Board for Healthwatch Medway be included in the membership of the task group. The membership of the Task Group was agreed by this Committee in August. This is a matter for the Committee to decide.

#### **4. Acute mental health inpatient beds report**

- 4.1. It is anticipated that a response will be received during November from the Secretary of State for Health in relation to the Committee's referral to him of the proposed reconfiguration of acute mental health inpatient beds in Kent and Medway. All members of the Committee will be notified of the response when it arrives and the matter has been included in the programme of business for the Committee meeting on 18 December 2013.

#### **5. Financial and legal implications**

- 5.1. There are no financial or legal implications arising directly from this report.

#### **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1. Members are asked to consider whether to amend the existing work programme (attached as Appendix 1 to this report);
- 6.2. To note that the report of the Mental Health Task Group and the outcome of the Committee's referral to the Secretary of State of the proposed reconfiguration of acute mental health inpatient beds will be added to the work programme for 18 December 2013;
- 6.3. To consider a request from the Health and Wellbeing Board that Healthwatch Medway should be included in the membership of the health inequalities task group (noting that this request has come after the task group has started its work).

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**Background papers** - none