

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

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### **OUT OF HOSPITAL CARE**

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#### **Summary**

This report provides a brief overview of the Health and Wellbeing Board's workshop on Out of Hospital Care held on 12 February 2015 and proposes further engagement events with providers.

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

- 1.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (HSCA) set out the requirement for all upper tier and unitary local authorities in England to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB), which would be established as a committee of the council.
- 1.2 HWBs have a duty to develop a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy which identifies priorities and sets out a strategic framework in which CCGs, local authorities and NHS England can make their own commissioning decisions. They also have a duty to promote greater integration and partnership, including joint commissioning and integrated provision

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 This year the Board identified Out of Hospital Care as a subject that it wished to focus on. Board members supported having a longer term strategic focus on this subject as it is integral to successful delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and integrated working.
- 2.2 In order to support this aspiration a workshop was held on 12 February 2015 to:
  - a) Increase understanding of local health and care services and the challenges that they face;
  - b) Understand the national policy environment in which services are now being commissioned and provided;
  - c) Identify the strategic input required from Medway HWB in order to help shape future services;
  - d) Find better ways of working together in order to address local challenges and support each other effectively.

- 2.3 Presentations were made on service provision, key risks and challenges and opportunities for closer working by:
- Acute care – Medway NHS Foundation Trust
  - Community services – Medway Community Health
  - General practice – Medway CCG (substituting for Local Medical Committee)
  - Mental health – Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust
  - Social Care – Medway Council and Agincare
- 2.4 Participants then identified strategic priorities and future actions for the HWB. These included developing system leadership; identifying risks and outcomes; improving understanding across organisations; developing new care models; prioritising prevention and developing the health and social care workforce. It was suggested that commissioners and providers were brought together more regularly to understand roles and challenges and that this could be through a summit and smaller meetings with relevant partners around specific issues. A report on the workshop is being drafted and will be circulated to the HWB.

### **3 Financial implications**

There are no direct financial implications connected with this report

### **4 Legal implications**

- 4.1 The Council has a statutory duty under section 116A Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to prepare a joint health and well-being strategy. Section 196 Health and Social Care Act 2012 makes this a function of the HWB.
- 4.2 Section 195 Health and Social Care Act 2012 places a statutory duty on HWBs to encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services in their area to work in an integrated manner for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of the people in the area.
- 4.3 The proposed engagement events will assist the HWB in the discharge of the above duties.

### **5 Recommendations**

- 5.1 The HWB is asked to agree the proposal arising from the workshop to hold further engagement events with partners and to contribute to the design of these events.

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### **Background papers**

None