

# 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, giving Members the opportunity to shape and direct the Committee's activities.

### 1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 Under Chapter 4 – Rules, Part 4 paragraph 21.1 (xv) 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. Agenda planning meeting

3.1 Members will be aware that Overview and Scrutiny Committees hold agenda planning meetings on a regular basis. An agenda planning meeting was held on 24 May 2016 at which Members agreed the following:

- An update from Medway NHS Foundation Trust and also a report on the relocation of stroke beds and clinics from St Bartholomew's Hospital should be added to the agenda for this meeting;
- An update on various GP issues raised by Members be added to the work programme for the August meeting (see para. 3.6);
- The Committee's views be sought on the timing of a Member visit to NHS 111 at Ashford and the timing of an all Member briefing on dentistry (see paras 3.5 and 3.8), and;

- a progress report on Homefirst be submitted to the October meeting (to include the position on home nursing capacity).

### **Quality Accounts**

- 3.2 Members were also updated on the latest position regarding submitting comments on various Quality Accounts from NHS providers. A Quality Account is a report about the quality of services by an NHS healthcare provider. They must be submitted to the Secretary of State by 30 June each year. NHS Trusts are required to send a draft of their Quality Account to the appropriate O&S committee and to include any statement supplied in their published Quality Account. This gives O&S committees the opportunity to review the information contained in the report and provide a statement on their view of what is reported, although it is not a requirement for the O&S committee to provide a response.
- 3.3 This year the response to the Medway NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account 2015/16 was submitted under officer delegated powers following consultation with Members. As there had not been any significant engagement by overview and scrutiny with Medway Community Healthcare it was not felt that a response was necessary regarding their Quality Account. With regard to the KMPT Quality Account, unfortunately it was not possible to submit a response this year due to timing issues and staffing changes which occurred around the time the response was requested.
- 3.4 Officers will be looking at ways to improve the process by which O&S responds to Quality Accounts so there is more awareness of the Trusts' timetables for preparing Quality Accounts and to ensure there is sufficient time to consult Members before responses are submitted in accordance with the Trusts' timescales.

### **South East Coast Ambulance Trust**

- 3.5. At the last meeting of the Committee, Members received an update from the South East Coast Ambulance Trust following an investigation into the implementation of a pilot project introduced by the Trust to delay sending help for certain 111 calls and transferring them to the 999 system, thereby gaining an additional 10 minutes in which to respond. It was agreed that a Member visit to NHS 111 in Ashford be arranged and that a further report on the benchmarking with the East Kent pilot on NHS 111 and 999 be brought to the Committee later in autumn 2016, including an update on staffing at NHS 111 together with details of training undertaken. It is suggested that this update be submitted to the October meeting. Members' views are sought on the timing of the visit to NHS 111.

### **Update on Various GP Issues**

- 3.6 Since the last meeting several Members have asked for an update on various issues, i.e.:
- Waiting times in Medway for GP appointments (this follows a survey conducted in January by NHS England)

- Problems with NHS 111 (this could be dealt with as part of the update to the Committee suggested for the October meeting)
- The future of the GP practice at Canterbury Street, Gillingham
- How NHS England are managing the recent increase in the budget for primary care

3.7 At the agenda planning meeting it was agreed that this update should be received as soon as possible and it is therefore suggested that a report be submitted to the August meeting.

### Dentistry Briefing

3.8 It was agreed at the last meeting that an all Member briefing on dentistry be arranged. Due to the number of other member briefings taking place over the summer it is recommended that this briefing is arranged for October.

## 4 Forward Plan

4.1. The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 7 June 2016:

<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=249&RP=115>

4.2. The following items listed on the forward plan relate to the terms of reference of this Committee. The Committee is asked to identify any items it may wish to consider as pre-decision scrutiny (where dates permit).

| Cabinet date | Title  | Comment                    |
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| 12 July 2016 | Adult Social Care Fair and Affordable Cost of Care Policy - Outcome of Consultation<br><br><i>This report will set out details of the outcome of a public consultation exercise regarding the proposed Fair and Affordable Cost of Care Policy for Adult Social Care and seek agreement as to the way forward.</i> |                            |
| 12 July 2016 | Adult Social Care Strategy<br><br><i>This report will seek approval to the Adult Social Care Strategy.</i>   | On agenda for June meeting |
| 12 July 2016 | Gateway 3 Contract Award: Joint Reablement Service<br><br><i>This report will set out the outcome of the tender process for the award of contract after review and discussion at Procurement Board.</i>  |                            |

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| 12 July 2016 | Gateway 4 Post Project Completion Review: Infrastructure Support Services<br><br><i>This report will set out the outcome of the tender process for the award of contract after review and discussion at Procurement Board.</i>   |  |
| 12 July 2016 | Gateway 4 Procurement Contract Review: Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Support Services<br><br><i>This report will review the Infrastructure Support Services Contract, which will be submitted to Cabinet after review and discussion at Procurement Board.</i>   |  |
| 12 July 2016 | Review of the Lordswood Community Hub - Outcome of Consultation<br><br><i>This report will set out the outcome of the public consultation process regarding the closure of the Lordswood Community Hub (Community Day Activity Service for adults with a learning disability), and seek agreement as to the way forward.</i> |  |

## **5. Portfolio Holder Being Held to Account**

- 5.1 A timetable for Portfolio Holders being held to account at O&S Committees has been drawn up. The Portfolio Holder for Adult Services will be held to account at the January 2017 meeting of the Committee, which will align with scrutiny of the Medway Safeguarding Children's Board.

## **6. Financial and Legal Implications**

- 6.1. There are no specific financial or legal implications arising from this report.

## **7. Recommendations**

- 7.1. Members are asked to:
- a) consider whether any changes need to be made to the work programme attached at Appendix 1;
  - b) agree the suggested additions to the Committee's work programme set out in paragraph 3, and;
  - c) consider the timing of a Member visit to NHS 111 at Ashford and also the timing of an all Member briefing on dentistry (with the latter recommended to take place in October 2016).

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**Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – The Committee's work programme

**Background papers:**

None