

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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DEVELOPMENT OF GP SERVICES IN MEDWAY

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Summary

This report sets out the current challenges facing GP services in Medway and outlines both national and local initiatives to address these challenges and to develop services in a way that provides improved care and access for local patients.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 Under the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 the Council may review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in Medway. In carrying out health scrutiny a local authority must invite interested parties to comment and take account of any relevant information available to it, and in particular, relevant information provided to it by a local Healthwatch. The Council has delegated responsibility for discharging this function to this Committee and to the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in the Council's Constitution.

2. Background

2.1 This report includes a summary of the support that has been announced as part of the General Practice (GP) Forward View (published in April 2016), which sets out a national plan to address the challenges GP services are currently facing. It also outlines local plans by NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to develop GP services that will meet patient needs over the coming years.

2.2 It was agreed at the August 2016 agenda planning meeting that NHS England South (South East) and NHS Medway CCG should be invited to provide a report to the Committee at this meeting to provide information about the Forward View and specifically, the implications that this would have locally and the timescales for changes to take place.

3. Risk management

- 3.1 There are no specific risk implications for Medway Council arising directly from this report.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 The report provides information about NHS funding that has been committed nationally by NHS England to support GP services. There are no specific financial implications for Medway Council arising directly from this report.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1 There are no specific legal implications for Medway arising directly from this report.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to comment on the report provided (appendix 1) and comment on the implications and issues raised relating to Medway.

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Appendices

Appendix 1: Update on GP Services in Medway, provided by NHS England and Medway NHS Clinical Commissioning Group.

Background papers

General Practice GP Forward View (published April 2016).
www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/gpfv