

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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GENERAL PRACTICE FORWARD VIEW

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Summary

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1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1. NHS England (NHSE) Planning Guidance ‘*Everyone Counts: Planning for Patients 2014/15 to 2018/19*’ was published 20 December 2013 and can be found on the NHSE website - <http://www.england.nhs.uk/2013/12/20/planning-guidance/>.

1.2. *The Five Year Forward View* was published on 23 October 2014 - <http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/futurenhs/> . This sets out a vision for the future of the NHS, recognising the challenges and outlining potential solutions to the big questions facing health and care services in England. It defines the framework for further detailed planning about how the NHS needs to evolve over the next five years

The Forward View Into Action: Planning for 16/17 sets out steps to be taken during 2016/17 to start delivering the Five Year Forward View.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/futurenhs/deliver-forward-view/>

1.3 The General Practice Forward View links closely to the Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). The STP outlines the intention of the Kent and Medway health and care system to deliver an integrated health and social care model that focuses on delivering high quality, outcome focused, person centred, coordinated care that is easy to access and enables people to stay well and live independently and for as long as possible in their home setting. This works within the Council’s policy and budget framework, particularly the priority for local residents to have the best start in life and maintain their independence and live healthy lives. The STP documents are

attached as appendices to the Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Plan elsewhere on this agenda

2. Background

- 2.1 At the November 2016 meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board, it was agreed, following a request made by representatives of NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group that the Medway Primary Care Development Plan would be presented to the Board at its next meeting. The Plan, which is entitled “General Practice Forward View” was submitted to NHS England in December 2016.
- 2.2 The General Practice Forward View is closely linked to the Kent and Medway sustainability and Transformation Plan, with the former document setting out the plans for local implementation in relation to general practice.
- 2.3 The aim is to design a care system that will enable people to obtain the help they need closer to home. This will allow people to have one point of call for family doctors alongside teams of community nurses, social and mental health services. The changes will also involve the joining up of A&E, GP out of hours, minor injuries clinics, ambulance services and 111 so that patients know where they can get urgent help easily and effectively, seven days a week. The Plan aims to put General Practice at the heart of communities with member practices working in extended groups providing support to patients who need help accessing the services that they need.
- 2.4 At its meeting on 15 November 2016, the Medway Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to recommend that Medway Council’s Cabinet notes the risks that falling GP numbers will present to Medway residents and the implications for Adult Social Care. This referral was considered by Cabinet on 17 January. Cabinet noted the risks and referred the matter to the Health and Wellbeing Board for further consideration. Accordingly, a report in relation to this is included as a separate item on the agenda.

3. Risk management

- 3.1 The following risk was identified in the report considered by Cabinet on 17 January 2017 in relation to Medway Council services. Medway NHS CCG is responsible for risk assessing implementation of the Plan and monitoring risks on a regular basis.

Risk	Description	Action to avoid or mitigate risk
Increase in pressure on Adult Social Care provision	Decreased number of GPs in Medway has adverse impact on Adult Social Care (ASC) provision due to people being unable to get GP appointments and their ASC needs increasing as a result.	Implementation of the support measures for GPs announced as part of the General Practice Forward View (published in April 2016) and implementation of plans by Medway Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to develop GP services that will meet patient needs over the coming years.

4. Financial and legal implications

- 4.1 There are no specific financial implications for the Council arising directly from this report.
- 4.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory obligation under section 195 Health and Social Care Act 2012 to encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services, to work in an integrated manner for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of the people in Medway. Supporting the development of a Sustainability and Transformation Plan and thus the General Practice Forward View Plan is therefore within the remit of the Health and Wellbeing Board. However, should there be a requirement within the General Practice Forward View Plan for any commitment to the use of Council resources or action by the Medway Council, decisions to that effect would need to be taken by either the Council, the Leader and Cabinet or the relevant Director (under delegated authority).

5. Recommendations

- 5.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the content of the presentation and provide its opinion as to whether the CCG commissioning intentions reflect the local priorities in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board

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Appendices

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| Appendix 1 | General Practice Forward View document – December 2016 |
| Appendix 2 | General Practice Forward View – Summary Presentation |

Background papers

None.