

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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### REFERRAL FROM CABINET

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#### Summary

The attached report (Appendix 1) sets out two items that were initially referred by the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet. These referrals were considered by Cabinet, as a single agenda item, on 17 January 2017.

Cabinet noted the risks that falling GP numbers will present to Medway residents and the implications for Adult Social Care and agreed to emphasise to the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner the importance of street triage.

The Cabinet also agreed to refer both matters to the Health and Wellbeing Board for further consideration.

#### 1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1. At its meeting held on 15 November 2016, the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to make two recommendations to Cabinet, as set out in section 2 of Appendix 1. This was in accordance with the Council's Constitution which states that Overview and Scrutiny Committees may make recommendations to the Cabinet arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process (Constitution – Articles of the Constitution - Chapter 2, Article 6, Paragraph 6.4).
- 1.2. At the Cabinet meeting on 17 January, Cabinet also agreed to refer both of these matters to the Health and Wellbeing Board for further consideration.

## **2. Background**

### **2.1. Development of GP Services in Medway and KMPT Mental Health Update**

#### **Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 15 November 2016**

A report on the development of GP services in Medway was considered by the Committee. The report set out the challenges facing local services and detailed 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.

- 2.2. Concerns were raised by the Committee with regard to the risks presented by falling GP numbers.
- 2.3. The Committee was informed that Street Triage involves mental health workers going out on patrol with Police Officers. One benefit of the scheme was the potential for it to help avoid the need for the Police to use Section 136 powers, which allow them to remove a person to a place of a safety, where there were concerns for their wellbeing for mental health reasons.
- 2.4. Concerns were raised by the Committee in relation to Street Triage provision, given that the existing service, based in Dartford was not able to cover the whole of Kent and Medway.
- 2.5. The Committee agreed to make two recommendations to Cabinet as follows:
  - i) The Committee recommended that Cabinet notes the risks that falling GP numbers will present to Medway residents and the implications for Adult Social Care.
  - ii) The Committee agreed to recommend that Cabinet emphasises to the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner the importance of street triage.
- 2.6. Further details of the discussion that took place at the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 15 November can be found in paragraphs 2.2 to 2.12 of the report to Cabinet. This is attached as appendix 1.
- 2.7. **Cabinet – 17 January 2017**

Cabinet considered a report (appendix 1) which provided details of the referral from the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Committee with regard to two of the agenda items considered on 15 November 2016, namely the Development of GP Services in Medway and the KMPT Mental Health update.

## 2.8. Cabinet Decision

**Decision number:**

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The Cabinet noted the recommendations from the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as outlined in the report.

The Cabinet noted the risks that falling GP numbers will present to Medway residents and the implications for Adult Social Care

**184/2017** The Cabinet agreed to emphasise to the Kent and Police and Crime Commissioner the importance of street triage.

**185/2017** The Cabinet agreed to refer both these matters to the Health and Wellbeing Board for further consideration.

## 2.9. Reasons for Decision

The Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee has made these recommendations to Cabinet in accordance with its entitlement, under the Council's Constitution, to make recommendations to Cabinet arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process (Constitution – Articles of the Constitution - Chapter 2, Article 6, Paragraph 6.4). Cabinet is, therefore, required to consider its response.

## 3. Risk Management

3.1. The following risks are considered relevant:

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action to avoid or mitigate risk</b>
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.

Lack of sufficient Street Triage provision in Medway.	Provision of Street Triage is not expanded, resulting in there being a lack of provision in Medway	KMPT has stated that working with Kent Police and health commissioners to improve Street Triage provision is a priority; Acceptance of Health and Adult Social Care OS&C recommendation to Cabinet.
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#### **4. Financial and Legal Implications**

- 4.1. There are no specific financial implications for the Council arising directly from this report.
- 4.2. Section 9F in Chapter 1 of the new Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000 (“the Act”) requires the Council to set up Overview and Scrutiny Committees primarily in order to hold the Leader and Cabinet to account. Section 9F of the Act also requires the Council to ensure that its Overview and Scrutiny Committees have power to make recommendations to the Leader and Cabinet in respect of the discharge of Council functions (executive and non-executive) and also on matters which affect the authority’s area or the inhabitants of the area.

#### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider and comment on the following matters that have been referred to the Board by Cabinet:
- i) The risk that falling GP numbers will present to Medway residents and the implications for Adult Social Care.
  - ii) The importance of street triage in view of the Cabinet decision to emphasise its importance to the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner.

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#### **Appendices:**

- Appendix 1 - Cabinet Report, Referrals from Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 17 January 2017
- Appendix 2 - Report on Development of GP Services in Medway considered by Health and Adult Social Care O and S on 15 November 2016
- Appendix 3 - Report, KMPT Mental Health Update considered by Health and

Adult Social Care O and S on 15 November 2016

**Background Papers:**

Minutes of Health and Adult Social Care O and S, 15 November 2016

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&MId=3400&Ver=4>

General Practice Forward View, NHS England, published April 2016

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/>