

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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KENT AND MEDWAY STRATEGIC COMMISSIONER UPDATE

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Summary

This report updates the Committee on the development of a single Strategic Commissioner across all eight Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). It is for information only.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 This is an item for information related to NHS commissioning partners.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 The terms of reference for the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chapter 4 Part 5 paragraph 21.2 (c) of the Constitution) includes powers to review and scrutinise matters relating to the health service in the area, including NHS Scrutiny.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) across Kent and Medway are developing a strategic commissioner function to work across all eight CCGs. The aim is to strengthen how the CCGs work together as doing so can drive service improvements that patients need and expect.
- 2.2 Making strategic commissioning decisions across multiple CCGs is good because it provides consistency and reduces duplication. It will improve

services for patients by reducing variation in quality and access to care and will drive up standards across all providers.

2.3 Progress to date towards development of this function includes:

- Three co-design workshops have taken place including CCG Governing Body members, staff and public and patient representatives;
- A next steps discussion paper is being considered by CCGs ahead of wider discussions with partners and stakeholders;
- The Director of System Transformation has been appointed. Simon Perks will commence his role at the beginning of October;
- An initial set of priorities have been agreed in principle, and will be discussed with CCG Governing Bodies;
- A draft governance framework has been developed to support the initial priorities;
- The development of the Operating Framework that will include the operational detail to the implementation of the strategic commissioner has been drafted; and
- A Steering group of 8 CCG chairs, Kent County Council representative, a Medway Council representative, CCG Lay members, the Accountable Officer for Kent and Medway CCGs is now meeting regularly alongside the Governance Oversight Group tasked with the development of governance arrangements for Kent and Medway wide working.

2.4 The current intention is for the Strategic Commissioner to operate from April 2019 with an initial set of priorities. During 2018/19 we will be establishing the design and governance arrangements and giving further consideration to options for a long-term solution.

3. Risk management

3.1 The Strategic Commissioner development is part of the system transformation workstream within the Kent and Medway STP. Risks are proactively managed through the overall risk register for the STP and reported through the STP Programme Board on a regular basis. Current risks relate to ensuring effective engagement in the design of the strategic commissioner across internal and external audiences.

4. Consultation

4.1 The development of the Strategic Commissioner involved engagement with the body members across the eight CCGs including lay-members, staff and GP member practices. NHS England was also engaged and approved the appointment of the single accountable officer.

4.2 The creation of a Strategic Commissioner does not change the statutory responsibilities of each member CCG and formal consultation is not required unless there is formal merger of CCGs.

5. Financial implications

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications for Medway Council arising from this report. Overall the development of strategic commissioning within the NHS aims to make better use of NHS budgets by driving consistency across all eight CCGs and supporting wider transformational change of NHS services. Shared management team arrangements within the CCGs will also be more efficient and help the CCGs to retain and attract high calibre commissioning staff.

6. Legal implications

- 6.1 There are no legal implications for Medway Council. The creation of a strategic commissioner does not change any existing arrangements between Medway CCG and the Council.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 The committee is asked to note the report.

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Appendices

None.

Background papers

None.