

# 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 26 November 2018 where it was agreed to recommend that the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB) Annual Report and a report on GP Services in Medway should be deferred until the January 2019 meeting of the Committee. It was also suggested that a report to provide a progress update on the Council's Transformation Programme, covering the areas of the Programme relevant to the Terms of Reference of this Committee, should be deferred until the March 2019 meeting.

3.2 Deferral of the KMSAB Annual Report had been requested due to pressure on the KMSAB Support unit due to increased work volumes and staffing pressures. The Health and Wellbeing Board has already agreed to defer its consideration of the report to February 2019. Deferral of the GP Services report was requested to enable it to include updates on the Estates Strategy and Healthy Living Centres. The request to defer the update on the Council's Transformation Programme was agreed on the basis that timescales would

align with a report now due to be presented to the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee in March 2019. This report will cover the aspects of the Transformation Programme relevant to that Committee.

- 3.3 It was also agreed at the agenda planning meeting that a report in relation to the proposed relocation of two Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT) mental health services to Britton Farm in Gillingham would be added to the Work Programme for January 2019. It was also requested that update reports from Medway Foundation Trust and South East Coast Ambulance Service be added to the Work Programme for the March 2019 meeting.

#### **4. Kent and Medway Wheelchair Service**

- 4.1 It was agreed at the last meeting of the Committee that an update on the Kent and Medway wheelchair service would be provided to the Committee as a briefing note. This was in view of it having previously been acknowledged that there was pressure on the service, with patients experiencing longer waiting times for equipment, repairs and assessment. An update has recently been provided to the Committee. This suggested that some improvements had been made, including a reduction in the size of the waiting list. It has been requested that Members provide any comments that they wish to make for these to be fed back to commissioners accordingly.

#### **5. Flash Glucose Monitoring**

- 5.1 A number of Members have been contacted by Diabetes UK setting out concerns that have been raised with them regarding access to a device that enables flash glucose monitoring for diabetes patients and that some residents in Kent and Medway are unable to access this, as not all CCGs had agreed to fund it.
- 5.2 Medway CCG has confirmed that Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley, Swale and the East Kent CCGs have agreed to fund the device, but only in limited circumstances. West Kent and Medway CCGs were reserving the decision to fund until stronger evidence of its effectiveness was available.
- 5.3 There has subsequently been an announcement from NHS England that qualifying patients with type 1 diabetes will be able to receive the monitor on prescription from April 2019 and that this will be available nationwide.

#### **6. Stroke Review Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC)**

- 6.1 An informal meeting of the Stroke Review Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) took place on 22 November. At the meeting, the JHOSC was presented a draft of the Decision Making Business Case (DMBC), which set out the rationale for the development of the NHS preferred option for location of acute and Hyper Acute Stroke Units (HASUs) in Kent and Medway. Implementation of the preferred option would see the development of HASUs at Darent Valley, Maidstone and William Harvey hospital, with there being no HASU in Medway.

- 6.2 A formal meeting of the Joint HOSC is due to be held on 14 December 2018. The JHOSC will be asked to comment on the final Decision Making Business Case and to submit comments on the proposal to develop HASUs at Darent Valley, Maidstone and William Harvey hospitals. Where a single response cannot be reached between the Members representing the four Councils who are Members of the Stroke JHOSC (Medway, Kent, Bexley and East Sussex), there will be the option, as permitted under the Committee Terms of Reference, for submission of a minority response by the biggest minority, subject to this being agreed by at least two JHOSC Members.
- 6.3 If any of the four Councils represented on the JHOSC is not satisfied with the decision, they would have the option to refer the decision to the Secretary of State for Health, should they determine that the chosen option is not in the best interests of the health service in their area and/or that consultation with Overview and Scrutiny on the proposal has been inadequate in relation to content or time allowed. This right of referral sits with the health scrutiny committees of each of the four Councils rather than with the JHOSC, although the JHOSC may recommend this course of action.
- 6.4 The Joint Committee of CCGs is currently scheduled to make the final decision on which HASUs to develop on 10 January 2019. Subject to this decision being made on 10 January, it is likely that a report will need to be brought to the next meeting of this Committee on 17 January in order to advise the Committee of the decision and consider the next steps.

## **7. Kent and Medway Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**

- 7.1 A meeting of the Kent and Medway Joint HOSC took place on 12 October. This received updates on the Kent and Medway Vascular Services Review and on the Policy Review of Assistive Reproductive Technologies (ART) in Kent and Medway.
- 7.2 Specialist Vascular care is currently provided within Kent and Medway by two acute Trusts (East Kent Hospitals Foundation NHS Trust (EKHUFT) and Medway Foundation NHS Trust (MFT)). Neither of these Trusts are currently fulfilling either the requirements of the national specification for this service or the guidance from the Vascular Society. As a result, a review process has identified a clinical model, based on best practice, of a single inpatient arterial centre in Kent and Medway, supported by a number of spokes and one of those to be an enhanced unit.
- 7.3 The initial assessment by the NHS indicated that an interim option is required due to the significant period it will take to implement the final model with it being recommended that this should be at Kent and Canterbury Hospital (K&C). Medway Members of the JHOSC expressed their concern that K&C was being proposed as the host of an interim option, particularly in view of the fact that K&C does not have an emergency department. The Committee was advised that subject to NHSE approving the plans in principle, a business case would be developed. A formal consultation plan was also being developed.
- 7.4 In relation to the ART Review, the Committee was notified that the East Kent CCGs would no longer be participating in the review relating to a possible reduction in IVF cycles for eligible patients as they had other priorities in relation to hospital reconfiguration. Pre-consultation engagement work on IVF

cycles was about to begin in NHS West Kent CCG; was currently being undertaken in NHS Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley CCG and NHS Swale CCG, while NHS Medway CCG had concluded this stage of work.

- 7.5 The Committee agreed that a letter would be sent to the Kent and Medway CCGs, who were planning to proceed with the review, to express the Committee's concern that the review could result in there being differing numbers of IVF cycles available on the NHS across Kent and Medway. It was requested that the decision to continue with the review of IVF cycles was reconsidered. The CCGs are currently in the process of considering their response.

## 8. Forward Plan

- 8.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 19 November 2018.
- 8.2 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
18 December 2018	<p><b>Gateway 3 Contract Award: Integrated Domestic Abuse Service</b></p> <p><i>This report will set out the outcome of the tender process and evaluation for the award of the contract for an Integrated Domestic Abuse Service. This Gateway 3 report will be submitted to Cabinet after review and discussion at Procurement Board.</i></p>	
23 October 2018	<p><b>Task Group Report: The Impact of Social Isolation in Medway</b></p> <p><i>This report will provide details of the findings and the recommendations arising from the Task Group on the impact of social isolation in Medway.</i></p>	An item on this agenda
5 March 2019	<p><b>Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report - Quarter 3</b></p> <p><i>This report will set out performance monitoring for the third quarter of 2018/2019.</i></p>	On Work Programme for March 2019 meeting

## 9. Financial and Legal Implications

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

## **10. Recommendations**

10.1 Members are asked to:

- a) Consider whether any changes need to be made to the work programme attached at Appendix 1.
- b) Agree the changes to the Committee's work programme, as set out in paragraph 3 above.

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### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 - The Committee's Work Programme

### **Background papers:**

None.