

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 29 May 2019. In view of concerns raised in relation to Dermatology Services, particularly waiting times for services, it was agreed that a report would be added to the agenda for the June meeting.

3.2 It was also agreed at the meeting to recommend that an update report on the development of a single Kent and Medway Pathology service be added to the Work Programme for the August meeting of the Committee. This followed a Member request and separate request received from Medway NHS Foundation Trust. Following Member requests, it was also agreed to recommend that a report on the impact of development in Medway, with particular reference to air quality, be added to the Work Programme for the October meeting. Additionally, it was agreed to recommend that a briefing note be requested on care home places with regards to the security of local provision and availability of private sector provision.

3.3 It was also agreed at the agenda planning meeting to recommend the following changes to the Work Programme:

- **Adult Social Care Complaints and Compliments Report** – that the report be deferred from August to October for staffing reasons. The service has confirmed there are no statutory deadlines for production of the report.
- **Ensuring a good pregnancy, how to raise awareness** – following discussion at the last Committee meeting, Public Health has requested that this item, which was previously listed on the Work Programme with the date of consideration by the Committee as to be determined, be brought to the October meeting.
- **NHS Local Five Year Plan** – to be added to Work programme for the December meeting. The Health and Wellbeing Board is due to receive a similar update in November.
- **Primary Care Networks** – NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group proposed that a report on the development of the Networks be presented to the Committee later in the year.

3.4 Since the pre-agenda meeting, officers in Children and Adults' Services have requested that the Learning Disability – Adults' Strategy be considered at the October meeting for pre-decision scrutiny, ahead of it being considered by Cabinet.

3.5 Dates for attendance of Cabinet Portfolio Holders at the O&S Committee(s) relevant to their portfolios have now been agreed. Accordingly, it is proposed that the Cabinet Member for Adults' Services attends and presents a report to the Committee at the January 2020 meeting.

3.6 The proposed Committee Work Programme is attached as Appendix 1.

4. Kent and Medway Stroke Review

4.1 A special meeting of this Committee took place on 12 March 2019 to consider the outcome of the Kent and Medway Stroke Review. The Review had selected an option which would locate Hyper Acute Stroke Units (HASUs) at Darent Valley Hospital in Dartford, Maidstone Hospital and the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford. Implementation of this option would result in there being no acute stroke provision at Medway Maritime Hospital.

4.2 At the 12 March 2019 meeting, the Committee agreed to exercise its power to report the decision made by the NHS to the Secretary of State for Health. A letter formally making this report was submitted to the Secretary of State on 27 March 2019. A formal response to the letter is awaited.

4.3 The letter requested that the Secretary of State refer the matter for the urgent consideration of the Independent Reconfiguration Panel, the body responsible for reviewing proposals for changes to NHS services that are being contested. Pending a decision by the IRP (Independent Reconfiguration Panel), it was requested that the Secretary of State require the Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to pause the development of all work relating to the implementation of the decision to progress with implementation of HASUs at Darent Valley, Maidstone and William Harvey Hospitals, on the grounds that there is a strong case that this option is not in the overall best interests of the health service in Kent and Medway.

- 4.4 It was also requested that the IRP be asked to look at whether consideration should be given to the development of a HASU in Medway by instructing that a decision-making business case should be produced in relation to one of the options of the previously undertaken public consultation, which would secure provision of HASUs at Medway Maritime, Tunbridge Wells and William Harvey Hospitals.
- 4.5 The letter submitted to the Secretary of State is attached as Appendix 2.
- 4.6 On 28 March, the East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to support the NHS decision to establish HASUs at Darent Valley, Maidstone and William Harvey Hospitals. On 3 April 2019, the London Borough of Bexley's Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee also agreed to support the NHS decision and to write to the Secretary of State for Health to set out the Committee's support for the proposals.
- 4.7 On 21 May 2019 the Kent Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee discussed the outcome of the Stroke Review. The following motion was agreed by seven votes to six and consequently, the Kent HOSC will not be referring the decision to the Secretary of State for Health.
- 4.8 The Kent HOSC agreed:
- a. To ask the NHS to note and consider the strong reservations the HOSC has about the plans for reconfiguring acute and hyper-acute stroke services across Kent and Medway and the potential impact they could have on the following in particular:
 1. Travel times;
 2. Staffing levels over the long-term; and
 3. Inequalities
 - b. That the HOSC accepts the rationale for the changes and the move towards centres of excellence across the County, recognises that there is no perfect arrangement of services and that the current proposals may be the optimal way forward at this current time and that any further delay may have a negative impact on health outcomes across the County.
 - c. That the HOSC recognises the work of the JHOSC and the positive impact ongoing engagement with the NHS has had, notably the decision by the JCCCG to develop stroke rehabilitation services and introduce them to many areas where they do not currently exist, including Thanet, and requests that the NHS engage regularly with the HOSC on the further development and implementation of the proposals to ensure they deliver the best possible service for Kent.
- 4.9 The launching of two Judicial Reviews of the decision made by the NHS have been announced, one by the Save Our NHS in Kent (SONIK) campaign group and one by a Ramsgate resident. These reviews both relate to the proposed configuration of services in east Kent. This would see the development of a HASU in Ashford with there being no acute stroke provision in either the Canterbury or Thanet area.

5. Quality Accounts

- 5.1 A Quality Account is a report about the quality of services by an NHS healthcare provider. They must be submitted to the Secretary of State for Health by 30 June each year. NHS Trusts are required to send a draft of their Quality Account to the appropriate O&S committee and to include any statement supplied in their published Quality Account. This gives O&S committees the opportunity to review the information contained in the report and provide a statement on their view of what is reported, although it is not a requirement for the O&S committee to provide a response.
- 5.2 Comments have been submitted in relation to the Quality Accounts received from Medway NHS Foundation Trust (MFT), South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SECAmb) and Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT). These commentaries include a summary of the scrutiny undertaken of the respective Trust during the year. This is based upon the minutes of the meetings attended by the relevant trust during the year and key issues raised.
- 5.3 The comments in response to the Quality Accounts were submitted under officer delegated authority following consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Opposition Spokesperson.

6. Visit to Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT)

- 6.1 At the January 2019 meeting of the Committee it was requested that Members be given the opportunity to visit one of KMPTs existing hub locations in Maidstone or Ashford. These hubs are similar to the hub that is proposed for development at Britton Farm, Gillingham.
- 6.2 KMPT subsequently proposed that the Member visit should take place to Ashford. It was agreed at the 14 March meeting of this Committee that this visit should take place in summer / autumn to enable any new Members of the Committee, following the Medway Council elections in May 2019, to participate in the visit. Committee Members are, therefore, invited to indicate whether they would like to attend the visit. Possible visit dates will be circulated to Members following the meeting.

7. Forward Plan

- 7.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 13 May 2019.
- 7.2 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
9 July 2019	<p>Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report - Quarter 4 and End of Year 2018/19</p> <p><i>This report will provide details of end of year performance for 2018/19 against priorities set out in the Council Plan.</i></p>	On Work Programme for August 2019 meeting

8. Financial and Legal Implications

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

9. Recommendations

9.1 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
 Appendix 2 - Letter reporting decision of Kent and Medway Stroke Review to Secretary of State for Health (excluding appendices)

Background papers

None.