

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

20 AUGUST 2019

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 1 August. In view of requests received from clinical commissioning groups, it was agreed that reports should be added to the agenda for the August meeting on proposed changes to acute mental health inpatient bed provision at St Martin's Hospital, Canterbury and in relation to changes to phlebotomy clinics at Healthy Living Centres and at MCH House.

3.2 In view of a letter that had been sent to the Chairman advising that, from September 2019, stroke services currently provided at Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone Hospitals would be consolidated onto a single site at Maidstone Hospital, it was agreed that an update on the Kent and Medway Stroke Services review would be added to the agenda. This would also include an update on Medway's referral of the Stroke Review decision to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and on the current situation in relation to Judicial Reviews.

- 3.3 Following discussion of a letter sent to the Chairman, asking for support, about the proposed establishment of a single Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group, it was also agreed to add a report on this matter to the August meeting agenda so that the Committee can consider the matter ahead of the Kent and Medway Sustainability Partnership submitting plans to NHS England in September.
- 3.4 Due to the number of reports on the Work Programme for the August meeting, in view of there not been an urgent need for the items to be considered at this meeting and due to the progress being made, it was agreed to recommend that updates on the Kent and Medway Wheelchair Service and on the Social Isolation Task Group be removed from the Work Programme for the August meeting and instead be provided as briefing notes. This would be subject to a further update on the Wheelchair Service being presented to the Committee in December and a further update on the Task Group being presented to the Committee at a future meeting.
- 3.5 It was also agreed to recommend that the follow up report on Dermatology Services not be included on the August agenda. As an alternative, it is proposed that the answers to the questions raised at the last meeting on the procurement of the service be provided to the Members of the Committee separately in writing.
- 3.6 NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group has advised that a review of the Frank Lloyd Unit in Sittingbourne is taking place. It is an inpatient facility for individuals with complex dementia needs and challenging behaviour. Due to the possible impact on Medway residents, it is recommended that a report be added to the Committee Work Programme for the October 2019 meeting.
- 3.7 On 22 July, NHS England published the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework. The Framework introduces an expanded clinical role for local pharmacists. In view of the linkages to the NHS Long Term Plan, already discussed at Committee, and that an update on the local Five Year Plan that is due to be considered by the Committee later in the year, it is recommended that a briefing note on the Framework and how it aligns with the Kent and Medway transformation programme is requested from the CCGs / Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Partnership.
- 3.8 A letter has also been sent to the Chairman (Appendix 2) to provide an overview of planned changes to the Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley (DGS) Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) urgent care system and to ask what engagement would be required with the Committee. DGS CCG proposes to bring together a walk-in centre and minor injury unit style services to form an Urgent Treatment Centre capable of treating minor illness and minor injury. A 12 week consultation was due to commence on 12 August 2019 with a view to establishing a new UTC service before autumn 2020. Information provided by NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group suggests that the likely impact on Medway patients would be small, affecting five patients at the most. In view of this and the correspondence received, the Committee is invited to consider requesting that a report to be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

4. Next Scrutiny Task Group

4.1 On 4 July 2019 the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviewed the current round of Task Group topics and agreed they should take place in the following priority order:

Review 1: Physical Activity (Health and Social Care, Children and Young People, Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committees).

Review 2: Town Centres for the 21st Century (Regeneration, Culture and Environment and Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committees).

Review 3: Support for Carers (Health and Adult Social Care/Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committees).

4.2 It was agreed that the Task Group on Physical Activity should comprise 7 Councillors (4 x Conservative and 3 x Labour) drawn from the Health and Adult Social Care (HASC), Children and Young People (CYP) and Regeneration Culture and Environment (RCE) Overview and Scrutiny Committees as follows with the HASC Overview and Scrutiny Committee designated as the lead Committee:

- HASC O&S Committee – 2 Con (one of whom will be Chairman of the Task Group) and 1 Lab
- CYP O&S Committee – 1 Con and 1 Lab
- RCE O&S Committee – 1 Con and 1 Lab

4.3 It is envisaged that the Task Group will start its work in September. The Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee has authorised the Head of Democratic Services to appoint the Members of the Physical Activity Task Group once nominations have been received from Group Whips in consultation with the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen and Opposition Spokespersons

5. Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

5.1 It is expected that a meeting of the Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take place on 10 September 2019. The meeting will receive updates on Kent and Medway Vascular Services review and, subject to confirmation, on the Assistive Reproductive Technologies (ART) Policy Review.

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

6.1 The Committee has previously 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 The visit is due to take place on 30 August, with a number of Members of the Committee, including Chairman, Vice-Chairman and opposition spokesperson having confirmed their attendance.

7. Re-commissioning of Special Care Adult and Paediatric Dental Services

- 7.1 A letter, inviting feedback by 2 August, was received by the Chairman in relation to the development of a service specification for the re-commissioning of dental services. The current contracts to provide these services in the South East and Dorset are due to come to an end on 31st March 2021. The re-commissioning covers services provided to patient groups with a variety of needs, some of the key groups are: adults and children with learning disabilities; those with physical or sensory disabilities; those with complex medical problems.
- 7.2 Following input from NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group, feedback was submitted on behalf of the Chairman. As there is no delegation in place for a response to be provided on behalf of the Committee, the response made clear that it was on behalf of Councillor Wildey rather than the Committee.

8. Forward Plan

- 8.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 5 August 2019.
- 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
24 September 2019	Council Plan Monitoring and Risk Register Review Quarter 1 2019/20 <i>This report will provide details of Quarter 1 performance for 2019/20 against the priorities set out in the Council Plan and will bring forward the latest risk management review.</i>	On Work Programme for October 2019 meeting
19 November 2019	2020/21 Capital and Revenue Budgets <i>This report will provide details of the initial budget proposals for 2020/21 prior to consideration by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.</i>	On Work Programme for December 2019 meeting
19 November 2019	Council Plan Monitoring and Risk Register Review Quarter 2 2019/20 <i>This report will provide details of Quarter 2 performance for 2019/20 against the priorities set out in the Council Plan and will bring forward the latest risk management review.</i>	On Work Programme for December 2019 meeting

17 December 2019	<p>Annual Public Health Report</p> <p><i>This report will set out details of the Annual Public Health Report following consideration by the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15 October 2019 and the Health and Wellbeing Board on 5 November 2019.</i></p>	On Work Programme for October 2019 meeting
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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
 Appendix 2 - Letter regarding changes to the Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley urgent care system

Background papers

None.