

# 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 24 February.

3.2 Requests had been received for deferral of reports on Community Mental Health Support and on the Outcome of a Section 136 'Deep Dive'. The Community Mental Health Support deferral was to allow sufficient time for analysis to be undertaken of a recently closed public consultation while the Section 136 'Deep Dive' was not yet complete. The requests for deferral were agreed and it was therefore agreed to recommend to the Committee that both reports be added to the Work Programme for the June 2020 meeting.

3.3 It was agreed to recommend that reports be added to the Committee Work Programme as follows:

- Development of Medway and Swale Integrated Care Partnership (June 2020)
- Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust Update (June 2020)
- Medway Community Healthcare Update (August 2020)
- Kent and Medway Single CCG Update (Late 2020)
- Local Care (date TBC)

3.4 The draft 2020/21 Committee Work Programme is attached as Appendix 1.

#### **4. Kent and Medway Stroke Review**

4.1 The High Court has handed down judgement in relation to the Judicial Reviews of the decision made by the NHS in relation to the Kent and Medway Stroke Review. The two reviews had been launched by the Save Our NHS in Kent (SONIK) campaign group and by a Ramsgate resident. These reviews both relate to the proposed configuration of services in east Kent, which would see the development of a HASU in Ashford with there being no acute stroke provision in either the Canterbury or Thanet area. Medway Council and Kent County Council were both named as interested parties in the Judicial Reviews.

4.2 The matter was heard by the Court over three days from 3 - 5 December 2019, with the judgement having been handed down on 21 February. There were eight grounds of challenge to the NHS decision. These related to health inequalities; how stroke prevention measures could mitigate the effects of the decision to remove stroke services from QEQM Hospital in Margate; workforce issues in relation to the viability of establishing a Hyper Acute Stroke Unit (HASU) at QEQM; patient choice; concerns in relation to the public consultation; the impact of increased travel times and; the effect on patient flows.

4.3 The Court decision was to dismiss the claim. The effect of this is that the decision by the NHS on 14 February 2019 to implement its Option B (of five proposed consultation options) to locate HASU's at Darent Valley Hospital in Dartford, William Harvey Hospital in Ashford and Maidstone Hospital has been found to be lawful. The parties to the Claim will have 21 days to bring an appeal against the decision of the High Court.

4.4 On 12 March 2019, this Committee agreed to exercise its power to report the decision made by the NHS in relation to the Kent and Medway Stroke Review to the Secretary of State for Health. A letter formally making this report was submitted to the Secretary of State on 27 March 2019. The outcome of Medway's referral is awaited.

#### **5. Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

5.1 A meeting of the Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) took place on 6 February 2020. The Committee was provided updates on the Kent and Medway Vascular Services review, East Kent Transformation and adult mental health provision at St Martin's Hospital in Canterbury.

- 5.2 The Committee was informed that a detailed proposal for the interim model for vascular services, which would see all urgent vascular treatment for Kent and Medway patients provided at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, was being developed. It was anticipated that further public engagement would commence in April or May 2020 and that an update would be provided to the Joint HOSC at this time.
- 5.3 In relation to East Kent Transformation, two options had been developed for the future of acute hospital services in East Kent. A finalised pre-consultation business case was due to be submitted to NHS England in April 2020. A public consultation would take place after this.
- 5.4 Since the previous updates to the Medway and Kent Health Scrutiny Committee on St Martins Hospital, Canterbury the Cranmer Ward had been temporarily shut with patients moving to another ward. Cranmer Ward is a 15-bed inpatient ward for people aged 65 and over, for the assessment and treatment of acute mental health difficulties. The closure had resulted in a temporary reduction in the number of mental health beds available, though so far this had not had any negative impact on the provision of services.
- 5.5 A key part of the work to transform mental health services in East Kent was bed modelling, which was underway. The data would provide a clear evidence base for changes that may result. Engagement with patients, their families, staff, other stakeholders and the general public about the development of services would be taking place over the coming months.

## 6. Forward Plan

- 6.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 20 February 2020.
- 6.2 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
TBC	<p><b>Community Mental Health Support</b></p> <p><i>This report will provide details of the outcome of consultation to examine the future use of 147 Nelson Road in line with the Cabinet decision to do so (decision no 149/2019 refers). This will initially be considered by the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12 March 2020.</i></p>	On Work Programme for June 2020 meeting

## 7. Financial and Legal Implications

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

## **8. Recommendations**

8.1 The Committee is requested 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.