

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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COVID - 19 UPDATE

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Summary

The attached paper provides Members with an overview to the NHS response to the pandemic and includes work being delivered by a wide range of NHS partners.

1. Budget and policy framework

1.1 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. In carrying out health scrutiny a local authority must invite interested parties to comment and take account of any relevant information available to it, and in particular, relevant information provided to it by a local Healthwatch. The Council has delegated responsibility for discharging this function to this Committee and to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in the Council's Constitution.

2. Background

2.1 In October 2020 the Committee considered reports from the Medway and Swale Integrated Care Partnership and the Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) which highlighted the key components of the NHS restart and recovery programme.

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&MId=4769&Ver=4>

2.2 The latest update from the CCG on behalf of the Integrated Care System covers the following issues:

- The vaccination programme
- Covid-19 cases and deaths
- Post-Covid Assessment Services (Long Covid Services)
- Hospital waiting lists

- Cancer care
- G.P. appointments

3. Risk management

- 3.1 There are no specific risk implications for Medway Council arising directly from this report.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications for Medway Council arising directly from the contents of this report.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications to Medway Council arising directly from this report.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to note and comment on the update provided by the Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group as set out in Appendix 1.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Update from Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group

Background Papers:

None.