

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. Agenda planning meeting
 - 2.1 Members will be aware that Overview and Scrutiny Committees hold agenda planning meetings on a regular basis. An agenda planning meeting was held on 10 November, where the following changes to the work programme were recommended:
 - 2.1.1 *People Strategy* – add to the agenda for this meeting to allow for pre-decision scrutiny before consideration by Cabinet on 11 January 2022.
 - 2.1.2 *Kent and Medway Adult Learning Disability and Autism Collaborative Option* - add to the agenda for this meeting to allow for pre-decision scrutiny before consideration by Cabinet on 14 December 2021.

- 2.1.3 *Social prescribing* – this was due to come to this meeting but it is recommended that this be added to the work programme for the January meeting as there will be more progress to report at that point.
- 2.1.4 *Kent and Medway Annual Safeguarding report* – to come to the January meeting.
- 2.2 As referenced in paragraph 3, the Annual Public Health report is due to be considered by Cabinet on 8 March 2022. Therefore it is recommended that this is added to the work programme for the January 2022 meeting.
- 2.3 Appendix 1 to this report sets out the Committee’s recommended work programme, taking account of the recommendations made at the agenda planning meeting.
3. Forward Plan

- 3.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 15 November 2021.

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FORWARD PLAN ITEMS RELEVANT TO THE WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE:

Cabinet date	Title	Comment
14 December 2021	Gateway 1 Procurement Commencement: Supported Living Services in Medway This report will ask the Cabinet to approve commencement of the re-procurement of supported living services in Medway.	
11 January 2022	People Strategy This report will ask the Cabinet to approve the People Strategy.	
8 March 2022	Annual Public Health report	

4. Reconfiguration of Urgent Stroke Services - Outcome of the Referral to the Secretary of State
- 4.1 In March 2019 the Committee was advised of the decision made by the Joint Committee of CCGs for Stroke Services on 14 February 2019 to locate Hyper Acute Stroke Units (HASUs) at Darent Valley Hospital in Dartford, Maidstone Hospital and the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford. As acute

stroke treatment in Kent and Medway was also provided at Medway Maritime Hospital, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother Hospital in Margate and Tunbridge Wells Hospital, this decision would result in the removal of treatment of stroke patients from these hospitals

4.2 At this meeting the Committee agreed to exercise its power to refer this decision to the Secretary of State for Health.

4.3 On 4 November 2021 the Secretary of State wrote to the Chairman (Appendix 2) to say he had accepted the advice from the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (Appendix 3), which was that the proposal should proceed alongside the commitments to deliver business cases for comprehensive stroke rehabilitation and prevention.

4.4 Although it is acknowledged that Medway residents will benefit from the provision of an enhanced service, Medway Council remains concerned that none of the HASUs will be located in Medway and Medway patients will therefore have to travel further to access acute stroke services.

5. Correspondence regarding Ruby Ward

5.1 At the last meeting of the Committee Members agreed a number of comments and recommendations regarding the proposed move of Ruby Ward from Medway Maritime hospital to a new site in Maidstone (Appendix 4).

5.2 On 1 November the CCG wrote to the Chairman (Appendix 5) to follow up on some of the points raised during the discussion at the October meeting. The Chairman responded (Appendix 6) on 5 November and the response to his letter is at Appendix 7.

5.3 On 29 November the CCG wrote to say (Appendix 8) that the proposal to relocate Ruby Ward had been agreed by the CCG's Governing Body.

6. Financial and legal implications

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

7. Recommendation

7.1 The Committee is requested to agree the changes to the work programme as set above and as reflected in the revised work programme set out in Appendix 1.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Work Programme

Appendix 2 - Letter from Secretary of State

Appendix 3 - Letter from Independent Reconfiguration Panel

Appendix 4 – Letter to CCG with Committee’s comments and recommendations on Ruby Ward proposal

Appendix 5 – Letter from CCG to Chairman

Appendix 6 – Response from Chairman to CCG letter

Appendix 7 – Reply from CCG to Chairman’s letter

Appendix 8 - Letter from CCG confirming Ruby Ward decision

Background papers

None