

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 Committee's proposed work programme.
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 26 May attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
 - 3.2 At the agenda planning meeting it was agreed that a paper on an Local Government Association Safeguarding Adults Peer Review should come to this meeting and it was also recommended that the paper on Care Quality Commission reviews of adult social care scheduled to come to the August meeting be moved to the December meeting, as the guidance on this has been delayed.

3.3 Following the departure of George Findlay as Chief Executive Medway NHS Foundation Trust in May 2022, the Trust's new Interim Chief Executive, Jayne Black, has been invited to attend the Committee's August meeting.

3.4 As agreed at the March meeting, there was a discussion on the frequency of reports from external organisations and also the balance of items in the work programme in respect of the scrutiny of health services and adult social care. An analysis of business considered in 2021/22 shows there are significantly fewer items on adult social care compared to health services reports. The Assistant Director – Adult Social Care will bring proposals to the next agenda planning meeting on possible areas in adult social care for the Committee to scrutinise. It is also recommended that Medway Community Healthcare be invited to attend once per year instead of the current pattern of 3 times per year. It is therefore suggested MCH be added to the work programme for March 2023.

4. Forward Plan

4.1 The latest [Forward Plan](#) of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 7 February.

4.2 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 |
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| 7 June 2022 | Gateway 1 Procurement Commencement - Medway Adult Substance Support and Treatment Service | This report will seek Cabinet approval to commence the procurement of Adult Substance Support and Treatment Services |
| 23 August 2022 | Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Quarter 1 2022/2023 | This report will provide details of Quarter 1 performance for 2022/23 against the priorities set out in the Council Plan and will bring forward the latest risk management review. |

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5. Kent and Medway Integrated Care System

- 5.1 The Health and Care Act 2022 establishes Integrated Care Systems (ICS) in all areas of the Country. Integrated Care Systems are partnerships of organisations that come together to plan and deliver joined up health and care services, and to improve the lives of people who live and work in their area. The planned implementation date is 1st July 2022. When the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board is legally established, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) will be abolished.
- 5.2 The purpose of an ICS is to bring partner organisations together to:
- improve outcomes in population health and healthcare
 - tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access
 - enhance productivity and value for money
 - help the NHS support broader social and economic development
- 5.3 The ICS includes an:
- *Integrated Care Board* – a statutory organisation which oversees the running of the NHS locally with a strategic approach to planning and monitoring services.
 - *Integrated Care Partnership Joint Committee* – this will bring together a broad alliance of partners concerned with improving the care, health and wellbeing of the population, with membership determined locally. The ICP is responsible for producing an integrated care strategy on how to meet the health and wellbeing needs of the population in the ICS area.
- 5.4 There will also be four Health and Care Partnerships (East Kent), (West Kent), (Dartford Gravesham and Swanley) and (Medway and Swale) which will lead the detailed design and delivery of integrated services across their localities and neighbourhoods, together with 42 Primary Care Networks which will provide community, social care and primary care services and are based around groups of neighbouring GP practices.
- 5.5 A Member briefing on these new arrangements took place on 26 May, attended by the ICB Chair Designate (Cedi Frederick), ICB Chief Executive Designate (Paul Bentley), Kent and Medway CCG Director of Corporate Affairs (Mike Gilbert) and Chief Medical Officer (Kate Langford). The ICB representatives stressed that the ICB is different to the CCG, with a different

focus and membership and that they see the new arrangements as an opportunity for real change and genuine partnership working.

6. GP/Primary Care Task Group

- 6.1 As Members will recall, at the last meeting the Committee recommend that the Business Support O&S Committee re-instates Physical Activity as the next Task Group, followed by GP appointments and access to services. The Business Support O&S Committee, however, did not support this recommendation and therefore the GP/Primary Care review is the subject of the next Task Group.

7. Quality Accounts

- 7.1 Quality Accounts are annual reports to the public from providers of NHS healthcare services about the quality of services they provide. All providers of NHS healthcare services in England, whether they are NHS bodies, private or third sector organisations must publish an annual Quality Account.
- 7.2 Health Scrutiny Committees are given the opportunity to comment on a provider's Quality Account before it is published due to their role in the scrutiny of local health services. Scrutiny is seen as ideally placed to ensure that a provider's Quality Account reflects the local priorities and concerns voiced by their constituents and is a fair reflection of the healthcare services provided.
- 7.3 Two draft Quality Accounts from providers have been received recently: South East Coast Ambulance Trust and the Medway NHS Foundation Trust. The Committee has delegated to the Director of People the authority to agree a response following consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Opposition Spokesperson.

8. Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 8.1 A meeting of the Joint Committee took place on 26 April 2022 where the specialist vascular services review and the East Kent Transformation Programme were discussed.

- 8.2 The papers and the draft minutes can be viewed at:

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=757&MId=9001&Ver=4>

9. Financial and legal implications

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

10. Recommendation

10.1 The Committee is requested to approve the proposed work programme, as set out at Appendix 1.

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Appendices

Appendix 1- Work Programme

Background papers

None.