

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 July attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman where the following recommendations were made:

- move the item on Long Covid from this meeting to the October meeting as the NHS leads were unfortunately unable to attend.
- that a fuller report on the Kent and Medway Adult Learning Disability and Autism Collaborative be submitted to the December meeting.
- add to the work programme for the December meeting an item on changes to Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) to Liberty Protection Safeguards.

- Bring a paper on the Adult Social Care Funding Reforms to this meeting.
- 3.2 The work programme contains an item on the recently published [Women's Health Strategy](#) for England, which the Government say “sets bold ambitions to tackle deep-rooted, systemic issues within the health and care system to improve the health and wellbeing of women, and reset how the health and care system listens to women”.
- 3.3 The Director of Public Health’s advice is that this would be best dealt with as part of the development of the Integrated Care Strategy (ICS). The Integrated Care Board for Kent and Medway has established an Inequalities Prevention and Population Health Committee which is responsible for developing the Integrated Care Strategy for Kent and Medway and for identifying inequity and developing policy (and gaining assurance) that the health and care system meets the needs of local people. At its first meeting on 12th of July, evidence was presented to the Committee highlighting the disparity in healthy life expectancy for women. The Committee therefore has an opportunity to influence this process to ensure the Integrated Care Board has due regard to the national Women’s Health Strategy when it develops the Integrated Care Strategy.
4. Forward Plan
- 4.1 The latest [Forward Plan](#) of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 25 July.
- 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
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. <i>(In work programme for October meeting)</i>

20 September 2022	Gateway 1 Procurement Commencement - Intermediate Care and Reablement Service Contract	This report will seek Cabinet approval to commence the procurement of the Intermediate Care and Reablement Service Contract.
15 November 2022	Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Quarter 2 2022/2023	This report will provide details of Quarter 2 performance for 2022/23 against the priorities set out in the Council Plan and will bring forward the latest risk management review. <i>(On agenda for December meeting)</i>
15 November 2022	Gateway 3 Contract Award: Supported Living (Adults)	This report will seek Cabinet approval to award the contract for Supported Living (Adults), following a procurement process.

5. GP Access Task Group

5.1 At the last meeting of the Committee Members were advised that the next Task Group would look at GP/Primary Care.

5.2 The Task Group has met once (24 June) and has the following terms of reference:

To review the access to GPs across Medway to explore:

a) whether the number of GPs and primary care staff in Medway is sufficient to meet the needs of the population and

b) how the covid-19 pandemic has affected access to primary care.

5.3 The Task Group also agreed an indicative timetable, as follows:

- **June** – initial Task Group meeting to:
 - Agree scope and key lines of enquiry for the review
 - Consider the national/local context and current position/performance in Medway (e.g. Ipsos mori patient survey)
 - Consider the type, format and number of evidence sessions to be held and the witnesses to be included.
- **July - September** – roundtable discussions with key stakeholder partners, families and service users and evidence session with a best practice comparator locality.
- **October/early November** – Task Group to agree draft recommendations and report.
- **1 December 2022** – Draft report to be considered by this Committee.
- **10 January 2023** - Report to be considered by Cabinet.
- **9 February 2023** – Report to be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board for information.

5.4 While every effort will be made to work to this timetable, in practice, the pace is determined by Members and their availability and also the degree to which evidence can be gathered within these timescales.

6. Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

6.1 A meeting of the Joint Committee will take place on 27 September to receive an update on the specialist vascular services review.

7. Financial and legal implications

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

8. Recommendation

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

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Appendices

Appendix 1- Proposed Work Programme

Background papers

None.