

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1 DECEMBER 2022

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 7 November attended by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Opposition Spokesperson where the following recommendations were made:

- Move the item on the Better Care Fund from December to March as the national guidance which will confirm the deadline for submission of the Plan has not yet been received.
- Add to the agenda for this meeting a paper on Community Diagnostic Centres.
- Move the report from the GP Task Group from this meeting to the January meeting, as this report has not been finalised.

- Noting that Cabinet at its meeting on 13 December 2022 will be asked to approve the award of the contract for Substance Misuse Services, to add to the work programme an item on how the new provider proposes to improve services, including looking more broadly at how enforcement and treatment are aligned.
- 3.2 Members will be aware that there is an item in the unallocated section of the work programme on the relocation of Ruby Ward from Medway Maritime Hospital to a new purpose-built facility in Maidstone.
- 3.3 When the Committee last looked at this issue in October 2022, Members agreed to recommend to the NHS that a travel and transport strategy be produced during the planning process that addresses the travel and access needs of patients, staff, families and carers and that a report on the take up and effectiveness of this strategy be submitted to the Committee within 6 months of the new facility opening.
- 3.4 The new facility in Maidstone is expected to open in July 2023. Therefore a report on this issue should come to the Committee in January 2024.
- 3.5 Since the agenda planning meeting, discussions have taken place with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Opposition Spokesperson about when the Medway NHS Foundation Trust should report to the Committee. Members are recommended to add this to the work programme for the January meeting, and in order to make that agenda more manageable, move the item on deprivation of liberty safeguards from January to March.

4. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 4.1 The latest [Forward Plan](#) of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 14 November. 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
13 December 2022	<p>Gateway 3 Contract Award: Recommissioning of Substance Misuse Services</p> <p>This report will seek Cabinet approval to award the contract for Substance Misuse Services, following a procurement process.</p>	
13 December 2022	<p>Integrated Care Strategy</p> <p>This report will ask the Cabinet to agree the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Strategy</p>	On agenda for this meeting

10 January 2023	<p>Gateway 3 Contract Award: Supported Living (Adults)</p> <p>This report will seek Cabinet approval to award the contract for Supported Living (Adults), following a procurement process.</p>	
7 March 2023	<p>Director of Public Health Annual Report</p> <p>This report will present the Director of Public Health's Annual Report.</p>	

5. Financial and legal implications

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

6. Recommendation

6.1 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.