

## **Health and Wellbeing Board**

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### **Pharmacy and Dental Services**

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#### **Summary**

This meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board brings together different partners to discuss the Primary Care Strategy 2024 and Sustainable Local Care Five Year Plan and proposals for community pharmacy and dental services and impact on Medway health and wellbeing. There is a presentation attached at Appendix 1 which will be delivered at the meeting to inform discussion.

#### **1. Recommendation**

- 1.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to contribute to discussions about the proposals for community pharmacy and dental services under the Primary Care Strategy 2024 and Sustainable Local Care Five Year Plan.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1. Primary care services provide the first point of contact in the healthcare system, acting as the 'front door' of the NHS. Primary care includes general practice, community pharmacy, dental, and optometry (eye health) services.
- 2.2. Due to the significant role primary care plays in serving the local population's health and care needs, there is a large national focus on the continuous development of primary care services

#### **3. Advice and analysis**

- 3.1. The presentation that accompanies this paper will be presented at the Health and Wellbeing Board to inform discussion on the aims of the strategy in relation to community pharmacy and dental services.

#### 4. Risk management

- 4.1. There are no direct risk management implications for the Council arising from this update report.

#### 5. Financial implications

- 5.1. There are no direct financial implications for the Council arising from this paper.

#### 6. Legal implications

- 6.1. There are no direct legal implications for the Council arising from this paper.

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#### Appendices

Appendix 1 - Medway Health and Well-being Board Delegated Pharmacy and Dental Services Presentation which will be delivered at the meeting.

#### Background documents

None