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Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Proposed Integration of Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust and Medway Community Healthcare

Report from: Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT) and
Medway Community Healthcare (MCH)

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Summary

This report provides an update on the proposal for Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT) and Medway Community Healthcare (MCH) to come together as one organisation.

1. Recommendations

1.1. The Committee is requested to note the submission from Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust and Medway Community Healthcare (MCH) as set out at Appendix 1 and 2 of the report and provide comments on the proposal.

2. Budget and policy framework

2.1. Under the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 the Council may review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision, and operation of the health service in Medway. In carrying out health scrutiny a local authority must invite interested parties to comment and take account of any relevant information available to it, and, in particular, relevant information provided to it by a local Healthwatch. The Council has delegated responsibility for discharging this function to this Committee and to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in the Council's Constitution.

3. Risk management

3.1. KCHFT and MCH have identified risks to them within their submissions.

4. Financial implications

4.1. There are no direct financial implications for the Council arising from this report.

5. Legal implications

5.1. There are no direct legal implications for the Council arising from this report.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – submission from KCHFT and MCH

Appendix 2 – Stronger Together summary document

Background papers

None