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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 26 November 2010

Subject: Intended Outcomes: Community Mental Health Services.

1. Background

- (1) In previous discussions that the Committee has had about different ways to restructure and refocus the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, one of the recurring themes has been that the Committee's meetings should be more focused on the outcomes it would like to achieve. Another has been the need to make the work of the Committee more accessible to members of the public.
- (2) This paper is intended to be a way to progress towards achieving these twin aims. The questions in Section 2 are the ones submitted to invitees in advance of the meeting.

2. Questions

- (1) To NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, NHS Medway and NHS West Kent
 1. Can you provide an overview of the kind of community mental health services commissioned for the people of Kent?
 2. Who are the main providers of these services?
 3. How many people access these services each year?
 4. How much do you spend on adult mental health services each year, and how much is spent specifically on community mental health services?
 5. What are your expectations for both of these amounts in coming years?
 6. Can you provide an outline of the process by which commissioning decisions relating to community mental health services are made (including joint commissioning with other commissioners)?
 7. Can you please provide any relevant PALs data relating to community mental health services?
 8. How are community mental health services being developed and how is it anticipated that these will complement or replace mental health inpatient services?

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9. What is the connection between primary care services such as GPs and community mental health services?

10. How is the performance of providers assessed and monitored?

(2) To Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust

1. Can you provide an overview of the kind of community mental health services which you provide?

2. How many people access these services each year?

3. What are the main routes by which people access community mental health services?

4. Can you please provide any relevant PALs data relating to community mental health services?

5. How do Crisis Response and Home Treatment Teams co-ordinate with community mental health services?

6. Similarly, how do forensic mental health services co-ordinate with community mental health services?

7. How are community mental health services being developed and how is it anticipated that these will complement or replace mental health inpatient services?

8. What is the Care Programme Approach, and how is this used in your organisation?

9. What is the connection between primary care services such as GPs and community mental health services?

10. Do you have any comments to make of the results of the survey of people who use community mental health services published recently by the Care Quality Commission, in particular the results which relate to your organisation?

(3) To the LINK

1. How has the Kent LINK been involved in any ongoing developments regarding adult community mental health services?

2. Have any particular issues concerning these services been received by the Kent LINK from members of the public, LINK members, and/or partner organisations?

3. Is the Kent LINK currently carrying out any work in these areas?

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- (4) In addition, Kent Adult Social Services and the Kent Local Medical Committee were asked for any information they wished to provide on this topic.

3. Recommendations

- (a) The Committee is asked to assess whether the outcomes in section 2 above have been achieved or if further information on this topic is required by the Committee.