

Item 6: Draft Forward Work Programme

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 7 January 2011

Subject: Draft Forward Work Programme.

1. Background.

(1) The Forward Work Programme has been revised to reflect the ongoing developments with the health sector.

(2) The following item has been agreed at an earlier meeting:-

(a) 4 February

1) The Future Shape of Community Service Provision

a) Strategic Questions for above item:

1. How can first class community health services best be provided for the people of Kent?

2. What are the challenges to realising this provision?

(2) The proposed new Forward Work Programme is outlined below:-

(a) 25 March

1) NHS Financial Sustainability. Part 1: Commissioning.

a) Strategic Questions for above item:

1. What are the challenges to ensuring the NHS in Kent is financially sustainable?

2. Are there any implications for the range and quality of health services available to the people of Kent as a result of any measures being taken to achieve or maintain financial sustainability?

(b) 19 April

1) NHS Financial Sustainability. Part 2: Providers: Acute Trusts.

a) Strategic questions as above.

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(c) 10 June

1) NHS Financial Sustainability. Part 3: Providers: Mental Health and Community Services.

a) Strategic questions as above.

(3) The meeting dates for the rest of the year are as follows:

1. 22 July

2. 9 September

3. 14 October

4. 25 November

2. Recommendations

The Committee is asked to approve the revised Forward Work Programme.