

Item 5 – The Future Shape of Community Service Provision: Outcomes.

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Subject: The Future Shape of Community Service Provision: Outcomes.

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.
- (2) At recent meetings, a Committee Topic Discussion has been held at the end of each meeting. In order to maintain the focus on the main item(s) under discussion during the meeting, it is proposed that the last section of each item to which people have been invited be given over to deciding whether the Committee had achieved the aims of the meeting in exploring a given topic, or whether further information or action is needed. The presence of the relevant guests would enable them to respond if appropriate.
- (3) For background information, the questions asked of guests in advance of the meeting are contained in the Appendix to this report.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is asked to assess whether the outcomes for this meeting have been achieved or if further information on any topic is required by the Committee.

Appendix

- (1) Overarching questions sent to all attendees:
 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) Questions submitted to West Kent Community Health and Eastern and Coastal Kent Community Services NHS Trust:
 1. Can you provide an updated timeline for the proposals around the future of community service provision?
 2. Can you provide a summary of the business case in favour of your proposal for a Pan-Kent Community Services NHS Trust?
 3. What weaknesses and risks have been identified in the proposal and how are these being mitigated or resolved?
 4. What other proposals for the future organisational forms of community services in Kent were considered and why were they rejected?
 5. Have stakeholders such as Practice Based Commissioners, community services staff, the Kent LINK and KCC been involved in the development of the proposals?
 6. Can you provide details of any services currently provided by ECKCS or WKCH which will not form part of any future community services Trust, for example through vertical integration?
 7. Either:
 - a. What was the outcome of the Cooperation and Competition Panel's assessment of the pan-Kent business case and what are the implications of this on the proposal?
 - b. If the CCP has not reported its findings by the time the HOSC meeting is due to take place, what are the potential implications of the different conclusions the Panel could reach?
 8. If the Kent Community Health Trust does not go ahead, what organisational form will ECKCS and WKCH take?
 9. Has any property, including the ownership of community hospitals, transferred from the PCTs to the community services Trust, and are there any plans for transfers in the future?
 10. Will community hospitals continue to be used where the properties are leased and not owned by the NHS?
 11. Can you outline the role community hospitals play in your business and operational plans for the future?

- (3) Questions to NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent and NHS West Kent:
 1. Can you provide a summary of why your Board voted in favour of the Proposal for the Establishment of a Pan-Kent Community

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- Services NHS Trust along with any concerns expressed by the Board?
2. What other proposals for the future organisational forms of community services in Kent were considered and why were they rejected?
 3. Have stakeholders such as Practice Based Commissioners, community services staff, the Kent LINK and KCC been involved in the development of the proposals?
 4. How many Right to Requests (to form social enterprises) have been received from community service staff and what has been the outcome of these requests?
 5. Have you any plans to carry out tendering processes for any services currently provided by ECKCS or WKCH?
 6. What is your understanding of what will happen to the present PCT estate, including community hospitals, up to and beyond the proposed abolition of PCTs in 2013?
 7. How will the establishment of the proposed pan-Kent community services Trust affect the development of the 'Any Willing Provider' model of competition into the provision of community services?
 8. What progress is being made in developing currencies and tariffs for community services?
- (4) Kent Adult Social Services, the Department of Public Health and the Kent Local Medical Committee were invited to attend and asked for any information they wished to provide on this topic.
- (5) In addition, the League of Friends of all 12 community hospitals in Kent were invited to submit written information if they so wished.