

Item 11: Forward Work Programme

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 14 October 2011

Subject: Forward Work Programme

1. Introduction.

- (a) At the meeting of 10 June, Members agreed the Forward Work Programme for the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the end of this year.
- (b) During the course of subsequent meeting, this Forward Work programme was updated with further items: NHS Transition at the meeting of 25 November and NHS Emergency Resilience and Olympics Planning at the meeting of 6 January 2012.
- (c) Agreed topics for considerations at meetings up to 6 January along with suggestions for possible topics beyond this date are set out below.

2. Proposed Forward Work Programme.

- (a) 25 November 2011
 - i. Reducing Accident and Emergency Admissions: Part 2.
 - ii. Medway and Darent Valley Merger Update.
 - iii. NHS Transition - Moving Towards 2013.
- (b) 6 January 2012
 - i. NHS Emergency Resilience and Olympics Planning
- (c) 3 February 2012
 - i. East Kent Maternity Services Review
- (d) Meeting dates for the rest of 2012.
 - 9 March
 - 13 April
 - 1 June
 - 20 July

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- 7 September
- 12 October
- 30 November

3. Joint working with Medway:

- (a) There is the possibility that the local NHS will be carrying out a review on one or more areas of mental health services across Kent and Medway which will require the establishment of a formal Joint HOSC or some alternative method of joint working depending on the nature of the review.

4. Possible subjects for 2012:

- (a) Suggested topics:

- i. Reducing Accident and Emergency Admissions: Further Evidence.
- ii. Neurology
- iii. NHS Financial Sustainability: Update on Local Progress
- iv. Acute Cancer Services

- (b) It has also been suggested that a half-day workshop/conference be arranged around the theme of "One Year to Go" and build on the work HOSC has already carried out on the NHS Transition. This could potentially take place on 13 April 2012 instead of the scheduled HOSC Meeting.

5. Recommendation

Members are asked to approve the proposed Forward Work Programme.