

Item 5: NHS Emergency Resilience and Olympics Planning.

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Subject: NHS Emergency Resilience and Olympics Planning

1. Background

- (a) At the meeting of 14 October 2011, the Committee requested the opportunity to explore the topic of NHS Emergency Resilience and Olympics Planning.
- (b) The strategic questions which this review will seek to answer are:
- 1 How robust is NHS emergency resilience planning and preparedness in Kent?
 - 2 What specific NHS plans exist to prepare for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games?
- (c) The specific questions submitted to the different NHS organisation are below. The first question relates specifically to the first strategic question above, and the second to the second, with the third relating to both equally:
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 - a What are the main features of NHS strategic major incident response plans in Kent?
 - b How are these plans produced, developed and tested?
 - c What are the main challenges to effective resilience planning by the NHS in Kent?
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 - a What is the expected impact of the Olympic and Paralympic Games on Kent's health services' ability to deliver services as usual?
 - b What milestones and planning assumptions are Kent's health services working towards in preparing for the Games?
 - c What are the resource implications for delivering health services during the Games and how will these be managed?
 - d What are the key issues facing Kent's health services in planning for the Games over the remaining months prior to the Games?

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- 3 With regards both emergency resilience and Olympics planning, what features are unique to Kent contrast to other areas of the country?

2. Recommendation

That the Committee consider and note the report.