

Item 6: Reducing Accident and Emergency Admissions: Part 3: Mental Health Services

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## **1. Background**

- (a) This is the third meeting considering this subject, the other meetings being 14 October and 25 November 2011. In addition, preliminary findings were noted at the meeting of 6 January 2012.

## **2. Questions**

- (a) The strategic questions which this review will seek to answer are:
- What is the impact of the current levels of attendance at accident and emergency departments on the sustainability of health services across Kent and Medway?
  - How can levels of attendance best be reduced?
- (b) The specific questions submitted to the Trusts attending today's meeting are appended to this report.

## **2. Recommendation**

That the Committee consider and note the report.

**Appendix – Questions from the Committee**

1. Do the current levels of attendance at accident and emergency departments pose any particular challenge for the commissioning and provision of mental health services?
2. What is the role of mental health services in reducing attendances at accident and emergency departments?
3. What is the place of urgent and emergency care in your organisation's QIPP programme?
4. From the perspective of the mental health service, what are the main challenges to reducing attendance at accident and emergency departments?