

Item 7: Forward Work Programme.

By: Peter Sass, Head of Democratic Services

To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 13 April 2012

Subject: Forward Work Programme

1. Proposed Forward Work Programme.

(a) 1 June 2012

i. East Kent Maternity Services Review.

(b) Meeting dates for the rest of 2012.

- 20 July
- 7 September
- 12 October
- 30 November

(c) It has already been agreed that the following topics will return to the Committee at an appropriate time in the future. The timings have yet to be determined.

- East Kent Hospitals NHS University Foundation Trust Clinical Strategy;
- Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust and Medway NHS Foundation Trust: Developing Partnership;
- Patient Transport Services (PTS).

(d) Following the approval of the HOSC Report into Reducing A&E Attendances at the meeting of 9 March, the report was sent to local NHS Trusts. Formal responses received will be made available to the Committee in due course.

2. Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Adult Inpatient Mental Health Services Review.

(a) At the meeting of 9 March 2012, the Committee agreed that the proposed review into adult inpatient mental health services constituted a 'substantial variation' of service. Medway Council's Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee made the same decision at its meeting of 27 March.

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- (b) As explained at the meeting of 9 March, this means that this subject will be considered by the Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (c) This Joint Committee with Medway Council was established at the meeting of the County Council of 25 March 2004. The arrangements were updated at County Council on 14 September 2006.¹
- (d) The Joint Committee consists of 12 Members: 8 from Kent County Council and 4 from Medway Council.
- (e) Arrangements for the meeting of this Committee are currently being considered.

3. Recommendation

Members are asked to consider and approve the proposed Forward Work Programme.

¹ <http://democracy.kent.gov.uk/Data/County%20Council/20060914/Agenda/sep06-item7.pdf>