

Item 5: Forward Work Programme.

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 1 June 2012

Subject: Forward Work Programme

1. Proposed Forward Work Programme.

- (a) As a result of the Committee's deliberations at the meeting of 13 April, and further discussions by the Chairman with the Vice-Chairman and Groups spokespersons, assisted by Committee Officers, a proposed forward work programme for the rest of 2012 has been determined, as set out below.
- (b) 20 July
1. Dermatology Services.
 2. NHS Transition Update.
- (c) 7 September
1. Cancer Services: Overview and Future Developments.
 2. Older People's Mental Health Services in East Kent: Update.
 3. Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust and Medway NHS Foundation Trust: Developing Partnership. Written Update.
- (d) 12 October
1. Patient Transport Services.
 2. East Kent Hospitals Clinical Strategy: Update.
- (e) 30 November
1. Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust and Medway NHS Foundation Trust: Developing Partnership.
- (f) As was discussed at the HOSC meeting of 13 April, there is a need to retain as much flexibility as possible in the forward work programme in order to deal appropriately with issues which may arise within the health economy. The exact scheduling of some of the items listed above may vary.
- (g) In addition, an appropriate time will be found for updates on other issues which have been on the Agenda in the past such as Kent and

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Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust's Foundation Trust application, and the development of trauma services across Kent.

- (h) Members of the Committee also expressed an interest in looking at mental health services more broadly as well as the performance and development of ambulance services across Kent. These will be incorporated where there is an opportunity to do so. Ways of scrutinising 'wellbeing' are also being explored. In addition, ways of developing the relationship between HOSC and the Health and Wellbeing Board are also being discussed.
- (i) In order to assist with forward planning, the forward work programme will be circulated to all NHS Trusts in Kent. If any Member has any specific question on any of the items on the forward work programme which they would like asked of the relevant Trust(s) in advance of the item being discussed, please pass them to the Research Officer to the Committee for inclusion in the list of questions submitted to the NHS in advance.

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.
- (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 approve the proposed Forward Work Programme.

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