

Item 8: Forward Work Programme: Update.

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 20 July 2012

Subject: Forward Work Programme: Update.

1. Forward Work Programme.

(a) At its meeting of 1 June, the Committee approved its Forward Work Programme, subject to any changes which may be required to respond to issues as they developed.

(b) A revised Forward Work Programme for the rest of 2012 is set out below:

- 7 September

1. Kent Community Health NHS Trust: FT Application.
2. Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust: FT Application.
3. Older People's Mental Health Services in East Kent: Update.
4. Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust and Medway NHS Foundation Trust: Developing Partnership – Written Update.

- 12 October

1. East Kent Hospitals Clinical Strategy: Update.
2. Trauma Network: Update.

- 30 November

1. Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust and Medway NHS Foundation Trust: Developing Partnership.
2. Patient Transport Services.

(c) 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.

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) The first meeting of this Committee took place on 3 July 2012.

3. Recommendation

That the Committee consider and note the report.

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