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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 7 September 2012

Subject: Vascular Services

1. Background

- (a) NHS Kent and Medway have requested the opportunity to bring the current item to the Committee. The same subject was also considered at the 21 August meeting of Medway Council's Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (b) If both this Committee and Medway Council's Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider the changes to be a substantial variation, then its consideration by a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee would need to be arranged. The Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee are currently considering the Adult Mental Health Inpatient Services Review.
- (c) At its meeting of 21 August, Medway Council's Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee made the following decision on vascular services:

"The South of England Specialised Commissioning Group were asked to report back on their findings from the gap analysis and action plan in September to the Chairman and opposition spokespersons on the basis that a report would come back to the Committee should those Members consider the proposal to constitute a substantial service change at that point."

- (d) The next formal meeting of Medway Council's Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee is 9 October 2012.

2. Recommendation

That the Committee determines whether the proposals constitute a substantial variation of service.