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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 30 November 2013

Subject: Forward Work Programme: 2013.

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## **1. HOSC Meeting Dates 2013.**

(a) The following are the scheduled dates for the formal meetings of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2013:

- 4 January.
- 1 February.
- 8 March.
- 7 June.
- 19 July.
- 6 September.
- 11 October.
- 29 November.

## **2. Forward Work Programme**

(a) The proposed Forward Work Programme for early 2013 is set out below:

- 4 January
  1. East Kent Maternity Services Review: Implementation.
  2. Cancer Services: Overview.
- 1 February
  1. Patient Transport Services.
  2. Audiology.
  3. Maidstone Hospital: Current and Future Developments.
- 8 March
  1. Services Overview: a) Diabetes Services; and b) Ophthalmology. *(Due to the close overlap between these two areas, it is anticipated they will be considered together).*

(c) As was discussed at the HOSC meeting of 13 April 2012, 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.

- (d) 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.**

- (a) 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.<sup>1</sup>
- (b) The Joint Committee consists of 12 Members: 8 from Kent County Council and 4 from Medway Council.
- (c) The first meeting of this Committee took place on 3 July 2012. This considered the review into adult inpatient mental health services. The date of a second meeting on this topic is to be confirmed.
- (d) Following the decision of this Committee that the proposed review of vascular services constituted a substantial variation of service and the same decision made by Medway Council's Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee, this topic will therefore be considered at the appropriate time by the Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### **3. Recommendation**

That the Committee note the meeting dates for 2013 and approve the Forward Work Programme.

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