

Item 8: HOSC Report into Reducing A&E Attendances

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 30 November 2012

Subject: HOSC Report into Reducing A&E Attendances

1. Background

- (a) On 9 March 2012, the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee approved the report of its review into reducing A&E attendances: *Not the Default Option*. This report is attached. This was then sent to all NHS Trusts in Kent and Medway requesting a response once full consideration had been undertaken of the key findings and recommendations.
- (b) Responses from East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust and Kent Community Health NHS Trust were received and included in the Agenda pack for the 20 July meeting. These are again included in the current Agenda pack for reference.
- (c) At the 20 July meeting, Helen Buckingham, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Whole Systems Commissioning, NHS Kent and Medway, undertook to coordinate a collective response before the winter and the Chairman asked for discussion of this response to be added to the Forward Work Programme.¹ This report is included in the current Agenda.

2. Recommendation

That the Committee consider and note the report.

¹ Minutes, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 20 July 2012 meeting,
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=3981&Ver=4>