

Item 5: Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Update.

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 4 January 2013

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1. Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- (a) This Joint Committee with Medway Council (JHOSC) 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
- (b) The Joint Committee consists of 12 Members: 8 from Kent County Council and 4 from Medway Council. The Kent County Council Members are:
- Mr D Daley
 - Mr K Ferrin, MBE
 - Mrs E Green
 - Mr L Ridings MBE
 - Mr C Smith
 - Mr K Smith
 - Mr A Willicombe
 - (One vacancy)
- (c) The first meeting of this Committee took place on 3 July 2012 and was established to consider the review into adult inpatient mental health services. It is a standalone Committee convened to look at this specific issue.
- (d) A visit to Medway Maritime Hospital's A-Block and Dartford's Little Brook Hospital was arranged for JHOSC Members on 25 June 2012. Individual JHOSC Members have also undertaken fact-finding visits on other occasions to these and other sites.
- (e) The Draft Minutes for the 3 July 2012 meeting are appended. Members of the JHOSC were subsequently provided with a range of follow up information requested during the meeting. An update report from NHS Kent and Medway and Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust is also attached.
- (f) The public consultation on *Achieving excellent care in a mental health crisis* ran from 26 July to 26 October 2012. According to the consultation website:

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

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- “All the views and information we have been sent has been logged and sent to the University of Greenwich Centre for Nursing and Healthcare Research, which has been appointed to provide an independent analysis of the responses to the public consultation. Their report is due at the end of November 2012 and will be sent to each clinical commissioning group for their consideration in December.
 - “The final recommendations of the Acute Mental Health Board will then go for consideration by KMPT and the NHS Kent and Medway PCT Cluster Board. We hope a final decision will be made early next year.”²
- (g) The date of a **second meeting on this topic has been confirmed as taking place on the afternoon of 13 February 2013**, in the Darent Room, County Hall. The Committee is also likely to meet on the topic of vascular services during 2013 at a date to be determined.

2. Recommendation

That the Committee note the report.

² Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust, *Achieving excellent care in a mental health crisis*, <http://www.kmpt.nhs.uk/acute-mental-health-review>