

Item 7: Cancer Services: Overview.

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 1 February 2013

Subject: Cancer Services: Overview.

1. Background

- (a) The term 'Cancer services' includes a broad field of NHS activity and cannot be fully covered within one meeting; however, with the publication in 2011 of *Improving Outcomes: A Strategy for Cancer* and the broader changes forthcoming to the NHS, the Committee has determined it would be useful to receive a snapshot of the services currently offered in Kent.
- (b) The following questions were asked in advance of the meeting:
1. The 2011 cancer strategy contained a list of information which would prove useful to members of the public as well as providers and commissioners. The Committee therefore requests an overview of cancer services in Kent and Medway based on these key sets of information:
 - a. the range of cancer services provided by each Trust;
 - b. whether each team has core members from all the relevant disciplines;
 - c. whether the team has a clinical nurse specialist;
 - d. how many patients by equality characteristic were diagnosed/treated in the previous year;
 - e. compliance with waiting time standards;
 - f. compliance with peer review measures;
 - g. major resection rates; and
 - h. mortality rates within 30 days of treatment.
 2. In addition, we would like to know:
 - a. Whether any assessment has been made of how the 2011 cancer strategy is being implemented in Kent?
 - b. What the future of the Kent and Medway Cancer Network will be after 1 April 2013?

2. Recommendation

That the Committee consider and note the report.