

To: Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 27 November 2009

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Subject: **Health and Transport**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Papers concerning health and transport related issues, providing some background to a verbal report requested by Members of the Committee.

FOR INFORMATION

1. Members of the Committee have frequently demonstrated an interest in the issues facing patients in accessing healthcare services outside of their homes, particularly as an important – if non-clinical – aspect of service reconfigurations. This was clearly signalled during the Committee's consideration in 2007/08 of proposed services changes within hospitals run by the Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells Hospitals Trust.
2. This interest also extends to the issues facing family and friends in maintaining contact with those in hospital and people attending healthcare facilities for out-patient appointments.
3. By way of background to the requested verbal report, the following documents are attached as appendices:-
 - "Commissioning transport for health" – report of multi-agency event on 18 May 2009;
 - Notes of "Health & Transport" multi-agency event on 22 September 2009;
 - Terms of Reference and draft minutes of recently re-established "Transport for health" group in East Kent (NB work underway to establish equivalent group in West Kent).

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