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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 19 February 2010

Subject: Item 4. Dentistry.

1. Background

(a) The topic of dentistry was originally included in the Agenda for the meeting of 8 January 2010. This meeting was postponed due to adverse weather conditions. An additional meeting was arranged for 19 February 2010.

(b) The Chairman has decided that the Task and Finish Group which has been considering Women's and Children's Services at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust should report back to this meeting and that this should be the only substantive item on the agenda. The written evidence submitted on dentistry has been included in this Agenda, but there will not be any witnesses attending to answer any follow-up questions.

(c) At present the future work programme has the following items on the Agenda for the next two meetings:

a. 26 March 2010. Use of Community Hospitals; and Diagnostics – Waiting Times.

b. 7 May 2010. Update of PCTs' Strategic Commissioning Plans/Operational Plans.

2. Recommendations

(a) The Committee is asked to decide:-

(a) whether they wish to have a full discussion on dentistry at a subsequent meeting; and

(b) whether they wish to amend the work programme for the next two meetings to reflect this.