Item 4: Covid-19 response and vaccination update

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 11 November 2021

Subject: Covid-19 response and vaccination update

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by Kent and Medway CCG.

It provides background information which may prove useful to Members.

## 1) Introduction

a) The Committee has received updates on the local response to Covid-19 since their July 2020 meeting.

b) The Kent and Medway CCG has been invited to attend today's meeting to update the Committee on the response of local services to the continuing covid-19 pandemic as well as the progress of the vaccination rollout locally.

# 2) Previous monitoring by HOSC

- a) HOSC received its most recent update in September 2021. The Committee expressed concern about the large waiting lists accumulating for elective care, and it was requested that the following information be presented at the November meeting:
  - Breakdown of waiting times by district
  - Comparison with wider English counties
  - Information about how Kent's share of the newly announced £12bn for health would be spent
  - What capacity existed in the system to address the backlog, and what impact would the new funding have on this?
  - Information about how the 4 acute Trusts would work together to reduce waiting times
- b) Following the discussion, the Committee resolved to note the report.
- c) The CCG has been invited to attend today's meeting and provide an update.

#### 3) Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the Committee consider and note the report.

## **Background Documents**

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