

Item 4: Medway NHS Foundation Trust (Financial Recovery Plan, CQC Inspection Report and Creation of a Pathology Network)

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Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by Medway NHS Foundation Trust.

It provides additional background information which may prove useful to Members.

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## 1. Introduction

- (a) Medway NHS Foundation Trust is responsible for the single site hospital based in Gillingham, Medway Maritime Hospital, which serves a population of more than 405,000 across the areas of Medway and Swale. It provides clinical services to almost half a million patients a year, including 110,000 Emergency Department attendances, 62,000 admissions, 325,000 outpatient attendances and 5,000 births.
- (b) The Trust was last considered by the Committee in June 2018 as part of the Committee's review of acute services, whereby the committee requested that the Trust 'be requested to provide a detailed report to the Committee on its financial recovery plan at the earliest opportunity.'
- (c) In addition to the financial report, the Trust have submitted a report on the review of pathology services across Kent and Medway. The review, undertaken by provider NHS Trusts across the county is about creating a single service in response to the National Pathology Network Strategy. Lesley Dwyer, Chief Executive of Medway NHS Foundation Trust is the Chair of the Pathology Review Steering Group.
- (d) The provider trusts involved in the review are:
- Medway NHS Foundation Trust
  - Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust
  - East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust
  - Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.
- (c) The Trust has asked for the attached reports to be presented to the Committee:

Trust's Report	pages 7 – 11
Trust's Financial Report	pages 13 - 22
Proposals for a Single Pathology Service for Kent and Medway	pages 23 – 26

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**2. Recommendation**

RECOMMENDED that the reports be noted and Medway NHS Foundation Trust be requested to:

- (a) provide an update at the appropriate time;
- (b) with relevant partners, provide an update on the Single Pathology Service for Kent and Medway in January 2019 following completion of the full business case.

**Background Documents**

Kent County Council (2016) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (07/10/2016)*',  
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7639&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2018) '*Health and Overview and Scrutiny Committee (08/06/2018)*', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7918&Ver=4>

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