

Item 6: Single Pathology Service for Kent and Medway

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Subject: Single Pathology Service for Kent and Medway

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

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

1. Introduction

- (a) On 21 September 2018 the Committee received a report on a single pathology service for 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. Miles Scott, Chief Executive of Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust is the Chair of the Pathology Review Steering Group.
- (b) 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 Committee recommended that an update be provided in January 2019.

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted, and the Kent and Medway STP be requested to provide an update at the appropriate time.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2018) *'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (21/09/2018)'*,
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7921&Ver=4>

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