

Item 5: Covid-19 response and winter preparedness 2020-21

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Subject: Covid-19 response and winter planning 2020-21

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by Kent & 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 at its two previous meetings (22 July 2020 and 17 September 2020).
- b) Members have been particularly keen to understand the impact of the pandemic on the waiting lists for services that were stopped during the height of the first wave.
- c) At the last meeting, the Committee asked for backlog figures for mammograms as well as an indication of when that backlog would be cleared. This service is commissioned by NHS England who have provided the attached update:
 - **Update on the English National Breast Screening Programme in Kent and Medway**
- d) The CCG has been asked to provide an overview of local preparations for the 2020-21 winter period. The CCG has provided the attached papers:
 - **System Winter and Escalation Planning 2020-21** (provides the committee with an understanding of how the NHS across Kent and Medway has worked to plan for this winter in the context of winter pressures, Covid and Euro exit planning)
 - **Capital Resource Allocation during Covid** (setting out the resources that have been made available to the Kent and Medway system as part of the response to Covid including resources that will support winter management)
- e) The Kent and Medway CCG will be in attendance at today's meeting to run through their reports, provide a verbal update on the local response to covid-19 and answer questions from the committee.

2) Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the Committee consider and note the report.

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Background Documents

Kent County Council (2020) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (22/07/20)*',
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8496&Ver=4>

Kent County Council (2020) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (17/09/20)*',
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=8497&Ver=4>

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