

Item 5: Outline Forward Work Programme

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Subject: Outline Forward Work Programme

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to note a suggested Outline Forward Work Programme pending the development of a longer term Forward Work Programme in the near future.

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

1. Introduction

- (a) The majority of the changes to the health sector landscape introduced by the Health and Social Care 2012 came into effect on 1 April 2013. Following the County Council elections on 2 May 2013, the new Membership of this Committee was confirmed.
- (b) The intention is for meetings to be arranged between representatives of the new Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Group spokespersons with a view to drawing up a longer term Forward Work Programme.
- (c) In the interim, the following Outline Forward Work Programme for the next series of meetings is presented, based on issues already raised by Members of the Committee or arising from requests from the NHS.

2. Outline Forward Work Programme

- (a) 11 October 2013:
 - Patient Transport Services.
- (b) 29 November 2013:
 - NHS 111 in Kent. (NB: An opportunity to visit the 111 call centre in Ashford will have been made available prior to this meeting).
 - Francis Report: Quality Surveillance.
- (c) January 2014:
 - Adult Mental Health Inpatient Services: Action Plan.

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- (d) In addition, an appropriate time will be found for a discussion on the strategic commissioning plans of all the CCGs in Kent. This process has begun with today's item on NHS West Kent CCG.
- (e) At the meeting of 19 July, the request was made that the Committee look at outpatient services at Deal Hospital. It is proposed that a site visit and briefing take place initially, to which all HOSC Members will be invited.
- (f) Ways of developing the relationship between HOSC and the Health and Wellbeing Board are also being discussed. It is likely that there will be items originating from the Health and Wellbeing Board on the Agenda in future meetings, such as the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- (g) The changes to the health sector landscape initiated by the Health and Social Care Act 2013 are also likely to generate changes of interest to the Committee, such as the creation of Academic Health Science Networks. Where appropriate, briefings on these will be arranged for Members and/or time will be found during formal meetings.
- (h) There is a need to retain as much flexibility as possible in the forward work programme in order to deal appropriately with issues which may arise within the health economy. The exact scheduling of some of the items listed above may vary.
- (i) In order to assist with forward planning, the forward work programme will be circulated to all NHS Trusts in Kent. If any Member has any specific question on any of the items on the forward work programme which they would like asked of the relevant Trust(s) in advance of the item being discussed, please pass them to the Research Officer to the Committee for inclusion in the list of questions submitted to the NHS in advance.

3. Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Adult Inpatient Mental Health Services Review.

- (a) The work of the Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) into the Adult Inpatient Mental Health Services Review concluded at its meeting of 30 July 2013 with the following recommendation:

The Committee supports the NHS proposals and asks that the report and recommendations of the independent report commissioned by the JHOSC be presented to the CCGs when they are asked to consider the next steps set out in the NHS briefing paper on p.21 of the Agenda. In particular, the Committee asks for, in line with the independent report:

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- *A significant increase in the retention for reinvestment, to be spent on further increases in crisis resolution/home treatment and a small number of additional acute beds*
 - *A clear plan being developed for the delivery of the elements of genuine centres of excellence in the three remaining sites*
 - *An action plan to be prepared within three months to be overseen by NHS England and Kent County Council and Medway Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees.*
 - *Regular monitoring of performance to be undertaken in light of experience as changes progress.*
- (b) The Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee will not meet again on this topic having concluded this review. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will receive the action plan for review as set out in the JHOSC recommendation above. As can be seen above, January 2013 has been suggested for this.

4. Recommendation

Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the report.

Background Documents

Agenda for the Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 30 July 2013,
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=757&MIId=5337&Ver=4>

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