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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 31 January 2014

Subject: Forward Work Programme

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Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to approve a suggested 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.

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## **1. Introduction**

- (a) A meeting was 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 based on information about the forward plans of the local NHS. The first meeting took place on 16 January 2014.
- (b) Based on this meeting and work already in progress, a Forward Work Programme for the next couple of meetings is set out. A full Forward Work Programme for the rest of the year is being developed. This is likely to include consideration of the 2 and 5 year strategic plans being developed by the CCGs. The optimum way of considering these plans is being considered.
- (c) In addition to the topics set out below, the following are ones which the Committee may wish to consider in the future:
  - Dementia services;
  - Musculoskeletal services.
  - NHS 111;
  - Accident and Emergency;
  - Audiology;
  - Ophthalmology.

## **2. Outline Forward Work Programme**

- (a) 7 March 2014:
  - Medway NHS Foundation Trust: Update.
  - Accident and Emergency: North Kent.
- (b) 11 April 2014:

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- Faversham Minor Injuries Unit.
  - Patient Transport Services.
  - East Kent Community Services Review.
  - East Kent Strategic Plans.
- (c) Subsequent meetings in 2014:
- Fri, 6 June
  - Fri, 18 July
  - Fri, 5 September
  - Fri, 10 October
  - Fri, 28 November
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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 for inclusion in the list of questions submitted to the NHS in advance.

### **3. Recommendation**

Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to approve the Forward Work Programme.

## **Background Documents**

None.

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