Item 9: Forward Work Programme

By: Peter Sass, Head of Democratic Services

To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 7 March 2014

Subject: Forward Work Programme

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to approve the revised Forward Work Programme.

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

1. Introduction

(a) On 31 January 2014 the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee approved the Forward Work Programme. Based on this meeting and work already in progress, a revised Forward Work Programme for the next couple of meetings is set out.

2. Outline Forward Work Programme

- (a) 11 April 2014:
 - Faversham Minor Injuries Unit.
 - Patient Transport Services.
 - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.
- (b) 6 June 2014:
 - East Kent Community Services Review.
 - East Kent Strategic Plans.
 - Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust: Safeguarding and Dementia
- (c) 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 Scrutiny Research Officer for inclusion in the list of questions submitted to the NHS in advance.

3. Dementia

(a) A suggestion was made at the 31 January 2014 meeting that the Committee to look into the provision of dementia services in Kent. The Scrutiny Research Officer was asked to provide a scoping document for discussion at the 7 March 2014 meeting of the Committee. A briefing note detailing the County Council's Select Committee review of dementia services in Kent and the monitoring of its recommendations is appended to this report.

4. Recommendation

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

Background Documents

None.

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APPENDIX – Select Committee: Dementia – a new stage in life

- (a) The Adult Social Care and Public Health Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee proposed the establishment of a Select Committee to look at issues around services and support for people living with dementia in Kent. This was agreed by the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee on 16 October 2009.
- (b) The Dementia Select Committee was established at the end of 2010. The Select Committee examined issues around the quality outcomes for people with dementia and their carers in Kent; identified good practice and innovation in Kent and elsewhere; identified factors militating against achievement of quality outcomes and made recommendations for improvements.
- (c) Witnesses included people with dementia and their carers; representatives from voluntary and community sector, NHS and other local authorities. A full list of the witnesses who submitted written evidence, attended hearings and focus groups is given in Appendices 2 & 3 of the final report. The final report of the Committee was published in September 2011.
- (d) The report was presented to Adult Social Care and Public Health Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10 November 2011 and Cabinet on 5 December 2011. It was debated at full County Council on 15 December 2011 which endorsed the Select Committee report and its recommendations subject to resources being identified.
- (e) The Adult Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee received a report that outlined the implementation plan to deliver the 17 recommendations made by the Select Committee at its meeting on 30 March 2012.
- (f) The implementation plan was reviewed (one year after the report had been considered by County Council) by the Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee on 11 January 2013.
- (g) The Dementia Select Committee was reconvened on 5 February 2013 and received a full report on progress with implementing the 17 recommendations in the Select Committee's final report.
- (h) In light of the amount of work already carried out by Members and Officers on this important area, it is suggested that this is not duplicated by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It should be noted that the Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust, the main provider of dementia services in Kent, will be bringing an update on their transformation programme with specific reference to dementia to Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 6 June 2014 and therefore the Committee will have the opportunity to ask questions on this service.

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Background Documents

'Dementia – a new stage of life' Select Committee Final Report, Kent County Council, September 2011

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