

By: Peter Sass, Head of Democratic Services
To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 11 April 2014
Subject: Redesign of Community Services and Out-of-Hours Services - Swale

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by NHS Swale CCG.

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

1. Introduction

- (a) NHS Swale CCG requested the opportunity to bring the attached report to the attention of this Committee.
- (b) General information on out-of-hours services is included in the covering report to this item as the first of these. This will be useful background for all the out-of-hours items.
- (c) For reference, out-of-hours cover may include some or all of the services below (NHS England 2013):
 - “GPs working in A&E departments or minor injuries units (MIUs);
 - Teams of healthcare professionals working in primary care centres, A&E departments, MIUs or NHS walk-in centres;
 - Healthcare professionals (other than doctors) making home visits, following a detailed clinical assessment;
 - Ambulance services moving patients to places where they can be seen by a doctor or nurse, to reduce the need for home visits.”

2. Recommendation

Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider and comment on the report from NHS Swale CCG.

Background Documents

NHS England, *Out-of-hours services*, 28 January 2013

<http://www.nhs.uk/nhsengland/aboutnhservices/doctors/pages/out-of-hours-services.aspx>

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