

By: Peter Sass, Head of Democratic Services
To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 11 April 2014
Subject: Folkestone Walk-In Centre

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

It is a written update only and no guests will be present to speak on this item.

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

1. Introduction

- (a) NHS South Kent Coast CCG requested the opportunity to bring the attached report to the attention of this Committee.
- (b) For reference, NHS walk-in centres offer access to a range of treatments. Walk-in centres are often open 365 days a year and outside office hours; patients do not need an appointment to access treatment (NHS England 2013).
- (c) There are around seven million attendances at type 3 A&E services (walk-in centres, urgent care centres and minor injuries units) in England, dealing with minor illnesses and injuries (NHS England 2013).
- (d) Walk-in centres have proved to be a successful complementary service to traditional GP and A&E services. However, they are not designed for treating long-term conditions or immediately life-threatening problems (NHS England 2013).
- (e) The CCG will be taking a decision on the proposed changes before the Committee's next meeting in June. The CCH has offered to provide details of a named person who Members can contact if they have any concerns prior to the decision to being taken which will be circulated by Scrutiny Research Officer after the meeting.

2. Recommendation

Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider and comment on the report from East Kent Federation of CCGs.

Background Documents

NHS England, *NHS walk-in centres*, 27 February 2013

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/AboutNHSservices/Emergencyandurgentcare/services/Pages/Walk-incentresSummary.aspx>

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