

Item 9: Adult Mental Health Inpatients Review (Written Update)

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 6 June 2014

Subject: Adult Mental Health Inpatients Services Review (Written Update)

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Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust.

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.

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## 1. Introduction

(a) On 9 March 2012 the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Kent County Council determined that the proposals for a review into adult mental health inpatient services in Kent and Medway constituted a substantial variation of service. On 27 March 2012 the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Medway Council made the same decision. In line with the regulations, The Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) met to consider this topic. It met on the following dates:

- 3 July 2012
- 13 February 2013
- 19 March 2013
- 30 July 2013

(b) 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:*

- *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*

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- *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.*
- (c) The JHOSC will not meet again on this topic having concluded this review.
- (d) The Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Medway Council subsequently referred the issue to the Secretary of State.<sup>1</sup> The Secretary of State then asked the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) to conduct an initial review and report back to the Secretary of State. The IRP concluded that the referral was not suitable for full review. The Secretary of State agreed with the IRP's initial assessment in full and agreed the implementation programme should be allowed to proceed as soon as possible.
- (e) In line with the final recommendations of the JHOSC, and the HOSC Forward Work Programme, the Kent HOSC considered the implementation programme at its meeting of 31 January 2014. At the conclusion of this item, the Committee agreed the following recommendation:
- *RESOLVED That the Committee thanks its guests, notes the good progress made and looks forward to a written update within six months.*

### **4. Recommendation**

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

## **Background Documents**

Agenda, Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 3 July 2012

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=757&MId=4918&Ver=4>

Agenda, Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 13 February 2013

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=757&MId=5155&Ver=4>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=8599>

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Agenda, Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 19 March 2013

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=757&MId=5183&Ver=4>

Agenda, Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 30 July 2013

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=757&MId=5337&Ver=4>

Agenda, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 31 January 2014

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=5394&Ver=4>

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