

## Item 7: East Kent: Out of Hours Services

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 6 March 2015

Subject: East Kent CCGs: Out-of-Hours Services

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Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by NHS Ashford CCG, NHS Canterbury & Coastal CCG, NHS South Kent Coast CCG and NHS Thanet CCG.

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

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### 1. Introduction

- (a) On 11 April 2014, the Committee considered an update on the procurement of East Kent's Out-of-Hours services as part of the urgent care programme. At the end of the discussion, the Committee agreed the following recommendation:
- *RESOLVED that the report be noted and the Chairman seek written clarification in regards to the additional costs resulting from the contract variation with the current provider, the working group and a timescale for procurement.*
- (b) The Scrutiny Research Officer circulated a response from the East Kent CCGs on 23 May 2014.
- (c) The East Kent CCGs have requested the opportunity to bring the attached report to the attention of the Committee.
- (d) 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

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted and the East Kent CCGs be requested to keep the Committee informed with progress.

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### **Background Documents**

Kent County Council (2014) '*Agenda, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (11/04/2014)*',

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=5396&Ver=4>

NHS England, '*Out-of-hours services (28/01/2013)*',

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

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