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To: Health and Wellbeing Board, 19 November 2015

Subject: **Local Digital Roadmaps**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary:

Following on from the publication of the Five Year Forward View, guidance was published in September 2015 on the preparation of Local Digital Roadmaps. Local digital roadmaps are to be the plans for how local health and care economies will achieve the aim of being paper-free at the point of care by 2020. CCGs will lead on their development, with the involvement of local authorities and providers of NHS services. The guidance encourages Health and Wellbeing Boards to be involved in the sign-off of the roadmaps.

Recommendation:

Members of the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:

- (a) Update the Board on the footprint and governance arrangements of the local digital footprints; and
- (b) Determine whether and how the Board will be involved in the sign-off of the roadmaps, including any role for the Local Health and Wellbeing Boards.

1. Introduction

(a) A central plank of last year's Five Year Forward View was the better use of information technology to drive better outcomes for patients. The National Information Board was established to articulate this strategy. In September 2015, the guidance document '*The Forward View into Action: Paper-free at the Point of Care – Preparing to Develop Local Digital Roadmaps*' was published.

(b) Local digital roadmaps are to be the plans for how local health and care economies will achieve the aim of being paper-free at the point of care by 2020. The guidance document accepts that this is a complex matter and cannot be done overnight. The role of the roadmaps is to generate local momentum and inform local prioritisation of the way forward.

2. Footprints

(a) CCGs are expected to lead the development of the roadmaps, and begin with determining the 'footprint' and governance for sign off. Footprints can cover a single or multiple CCGs, but all CCGs will be part of one footprint. Providers of NHS services are to be engaged in roadmap development, aligned to the footprint containing the lead commissioner but contributing to other footprints/roadmaps where they are a significant provider. The roadmaps will be part of the commissioning plans for 2016/17 and will be considered part of the CCG assurance framework.

(b) Kent County Council, like every local authority with a social care responsibility, is expected to align to one footprint for roadmap development. Where a local authority incorporates numerous footprints, the plans and milestones developed within the one footprint are to be shared and incorporated with other relevant roadmaps.

3. Timeline

- September to October 2015 - Local engagement to determine the footprint and governance for the roadmaps
- 30th October 2015 - Submission of footprint and governance templates
- Early November 2015 - Digital maturity self-assessment questionnaire and guidance issued
- November 2015 to January 2016 - Digital maturity self-assessment questionnaire returns received and quality assured
- December 2015 or January 2016 - Planning Guidance issued, incorporating templates and further guidance for local digital roadmaps
- January 2016 to April 2016 - Development of local digital roadmaps
- March 2016 - Digital maturity index published
- April 2016 - Submission of local digital roadmap

4. Role of the Health and Wellbeing Board

(a) Governance arrangements for producing the roadmaps are expected to continue after this point in order to oversee delivery. The guidance is not prescriptive about what the governance arrangements should be.

(b) The section relating to the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board is quoted in full:

- "Each footprint should also agree the sign-off route for the roadmap well in advance. We would encourage the Health and Wellbeing Board (or relevant sub-group) to be involved in the sign-off of the roadmaps. NHS England will assure completed roadmaps."

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Background Documents

National Information Board (September 2015), *'The Forward View into Action: Paper-free at the Point of Care – Preparing to Develop Local Digital Roadmaps,'* <http://www.england.nhs.uk/digitaltechnology/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2015/09/digi-roadmaps-guid.pdf>

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