

Item 14: CCGs Annual Rating (Written Briefing)

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Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by the Kent CCGs.

It is a written briefing 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) In July 2016 NHS England and NHS Improvement introduced new special measures which are being used with providers and commissioners that fail to meet the financial discipline expected of the NHS; nine CCGs have been placed in special measures (NHS Improvement 2016).
- (b) For CCGs, NHS England based its approach on the annual assessment of overall CCG performance. Using 2015/16 performance 10 CCGs have been rated 'outstanding', a further 82 'good', 91 were found to 'require improvement' and 26 CCGs were rated as 'inadequate' in July 2016 (NHS Improvement 2016).
- (c) CCGs rated as inadequate are required to develop and implement a performance improvement plan under legal Directions from NHS England. In addition, a range of other interventions are being applied under the new special measures regime. These include adjusting a CCG's area and membership practices, disbanding the CCG, requiring that a CCG shares a joint management team or creating an Accountable Care Organisation (NHS Improvement 2016).
- (d) All CCGs that are in the 'requires improvement' category will be required to produce an improvement plan, and NHS England's local teams will work with CCGs to ensure delivery of an improving trajectory (NHS Improvement 2016).
- (e) For 2016/17 onwards, NHS England is introducing a new approach to CCG ratings. CCGs will be rated in 29 areas, underpinned by 60 indicators, which will be made available on the myNHS website; 45 of these indicators have already been published. The new areas include the six clinical priorities matching those set out in the NHS Five Year Forward View: cancer, dementia, diabetes, learning disabilities, maternity and mental health (NHS Improvement 2016).

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted and the Kent CCGs be requested to provide an update to the Committee annually.

Background Documents

NHS Improvement (2016) '*Strengthening financial performance & accountability in 2016/17 (21/07/2016)*'

https://improvement.nhs.uk/uploads/documents/Strengthening_financial_performance_and_accountability_in_2016-17_-_Final_2.pdf

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