

Item 6: NHS preparations for winter in Kent 2016/17

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 25 November 2016

Subject: NHS preparations for winter in Kent 2016/17

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

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

1. Introduction

(a) On 3 June 2016 the Committee considered a review of the NHS response to winter 2015/16 in Kent and the actions they took in response to the BMA's industrial action. The Committee agreed the following recommendation:

- *RESOLVED that the report be noted and NHS England be requested to:*

- (a) provide an overview of the 2016/17 winter plans to the Committee at its October meeting;*

- (b) provide a written briefing on the SAFER bundle to the Committee.*

(b) A written briefing about the SAFER bundle was circulated to Members on 9 June. On 19 September 2016 the Chairman agreed to a request from NHS England to postpone the item until the November meeting.

(c) NHS England – South (South East) has asked for the attached report to be presented to the Committee.

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted and NHS England be requested to provide an update about the performance of the winter plans to the Committee at its June meeting.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2016) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (03/06/2016)', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=38121>

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