

Item 5: Gluten Free Services in West Kent

By: John Lynch, Head of Democratic Services

To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 3 March 2017

Subject: Gluten Free Services in West Kent

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

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

1. Introduction

(a) On 25 November 2016 the Committee considered proposals by NHS West Kent CCG to stop the routine prescription of gluten-free products for people with coeliac disease in West Kent. The Committee agreed the following recommendation:

▪ RESOLVED that:

(a) *the Committee deems the withdrawal of gluten free prescriptions by NHS West Kent CCG to be a substantial variation of service.*

(b) *West Kent CCG be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee in two months.*

(b) The Chairman agreed to a request to postpone the item until the March meeting to enable the Committee to consider feedback from the public consultation.

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that NHS West Kent CCG:

(a) take into account the views expressed by Committee Members when forming recommendations for the Governing Body;

(b) submit a report to the Committee when a final decision has been made by the Governing Body.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2016) 'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (25/11/2016)', <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=42583>

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