

Item 7: NHS West Kent CCG - Gluten Free Prescriptions (Written Briefing)

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 20 September 2017

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

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) 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) On 3 March 2017 the Committee considered the feedback from the public consultation and agreed the following recommendation:

▪ RESOLVED 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.*

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the CCG's decision to no longer routinely prescribe gluten-free food for people with coeliac disease in West Kent be noted.

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Background Documents

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

Kent County Council (2017) *'Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (03/03/2017)'*,
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7508&Ver=4>

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