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**To:** Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee - 19 January 2018

**Subject:** **END OF LIFE CARE IN KENT**

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Previous Pathway of Paper:** None

**Future Pathway of Paper:** None

**Electoral Divisions:** All

**Summary:** This report shares the updated overview of End of Life Care in Kent and an action plan which sets out areas for improvement and gaps that have been identified and how they will be addressed.

**Recommendation(s):** The Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee is asked to **CONSIDER** and **COMMENT** on the updated overview of End of Life Care in Kent and the End of Life Care Action Plan.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The overview of End of Life Care in Kent was shared with the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee in September 2017. The document set out how Adult Social Care is working to implement End of Life Care against the Ambitions for Palliative and End of Life Care: A national framework for local action 2015-2020.
- 1.2 The document sets out the current offer, identifies areas for improvement and gaps which are to be addressed through an End of Life Care Action Plan. The End of Life Care Action Plan is attached as Appendix 2.
- 1.3 The overview of End of Life Care in Kent has also been updated following a review in October and the latest version is attached in Appendix 1.
- 1.4 Through the Design and Learning Centre for Clinical and Social Innovation there will be an End of Life Care Innovation workshop on 20 February. The workshop is for Health, Social Care and the Voluntary and Private Sector to come together to share good practice, identify gaps and challenges. The event will provide an opportunity to ensure that through effective and robust partnership working the experience of End of Life Care can be improved.

## 2. Conclusion

- 2.1 The overview End of Life Care in Kent has allowed Adult Social Care to benchmark against the national framework and also provides information on the current offer. The Action Plan identifies ways to address areas for improvement.
- 2.2 It is proposed that an update on progress for areas of improvement, identified in the End of Life Care Action Plan, will be presented to the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee in January 2019

## 3. Recommendation

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## 4. Background Documents

Ambitions for Palliative and End of life Care <http://endoflifecareambitions.org.uk/>

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