

Item 6: Local Covid-19 response and restart of NHS services

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Subject: Local Covid-19 response and restart of NHS services

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

It provides background information which may prove useful to Members.

1) Introduction

- a) The Covid-19 pandemic has required an unprecedented response from public bodies, including the NHS.
- b) During the height of the pandemic, the Kent and Medway CCG provided a written update for HOSC Members regarding the temporary changes which had been necessary to meet need during the pandemic. In light of their urgent nature, there was no time to consult HOSC but the NHS England/ NHS Improvement made it clear health scrutiny committees should still be engaged.
- c) This written update (dated 29 April 2020) was discussed by HOSC Members on 5 May with follow up questions sent to the Accountable Officer at the K&M CCG.
- d) The CCG has been invited to attend HOSC today to update Members on how the local NHS plans to move forward after the height of the pandemic.

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the Committee consider and note the report.

Background Documents

None

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