

13 June 2022

Re: Establishment of the Kent and Medway Integrated Care System and the impact on Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) Arrangements

Introduction

1. A report from the Leader of Kent County Council and the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health went to the Council meeting on 26th May 2022, detailing the arrangements for the establishment of new formal statutory arrangements to be implemented from 1 July 2022, following enactment of the Health and Social Care Act. A copy of the Council briefing is attached for information.
2. In essence:
 - a. Clinical Commissioning Groups, including Kent and Medway will be disbanded on 30th June 2022.
 - b. A new statutory NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board (ICB) will be established at 00:01 hours on 1st July 2022. The ICB will take over the functions and duties of the previous CCG, plus a number of new functions from NHS England.
 - c. A nationally mandated Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) Joint Committee will also be established between the new statutory NHS organisation and the two upper tier local authorities. The primary role of the ICP will be to oversee the development and delivery of a whole system, all encompassing, integrated care strategy and outcome measures to improve health and well-being and support greater social and economic development of the local population. This will be chaired by the Local Authority Leaders, with Roger Gough holding chairmanship of the Joint Committee in the first instance.
 - d. The new ICB will not be the same as the previous CCG. It's Board and committees, plus the ICP, will have membership from various stakeholder groups including the voluntary and community sector, upper and lower tier councils, public health, providers of health and social care and other representatives from sectors such as housing, education, environment, etc. In addition, a People and Communities Forum is also being established, and members of this will be invited to attend the above groups. These arrangements will enable greater influencing and joint decision making, with a greater focus on

improving health and well-being outcomes, alongside delivering improved quality of care.

- e. The expectation is that over time, greater levels of decision making will be delegated to local health and care partnerships and collaboratives, made up of similar multi-partner organisations and stakeholders. Between them, they will have an increasing ability to decide local priorities and how best to deliver them based on local need.
3. At the time of reporting, all of the Kent and Medway arrangements for 1 July are on track. Our plans have been separately reviewed by NHS England and our independent auditors and have been given substantial assurance.
4. A verbal update on 1st July establishment will be provided to the HOSC at its meeting in July

Impact of new arrangements with the HOSC

5. The 2022 Health and Care Act does not change any of the arrangements for local authority scrutiny of healthcare services, with the sole exception that the Integrated Care Board replaces the CCG.
6. The 2022 Act does give the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care additional powers to intervene, but this has no impact on the role or authority of local authority scrutiny committees.
7. As such we would expect the existing arrangements to continue and for the NHS Integrated Care Board to continue reporting into the Kent HOSC.
8. The Committee is asked to NOTE this briefing paper.

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Attachment:

1. Health and Care Partnership Working with the Kent and Medway Integrated Care System