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**To:** Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee – 29 September 2017

**Subject:** **END OF LIFE CARE STRATEGY**

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Previous Pathway of Paper:** None

**Future Pathway of Paper:** None

**Electoral Division:** All

**Summary:** This reports sets out how Adult Social Care is working with a range of partners to implement End of Life Care against the Ambitions for the Palliative and End of Life Care: A national framework for local action 2015-2020.

**Recommendation(s):** The Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee is asked to **CONSIDER** and **COMMENT** on the End of Life Care Strategy (attached as Appendix 1) and **AGREE** for an annual progress report to be presented to the Committee.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 End of Life Care is central to the wider reform and transformation being delivered under the NHS Five Year Forward View published in October 2014, to ensure that increasingly care is provided in community settings and available much closer to people's homes.
- 1.2 Adult Social Care plays a key role in delivery of the End of Life Care for people and carers. The aim is to work with partners in the assessment, support and planning of care for people, which delivers choice, control and the care they need to manage End of Life Care as they want. Adult Social Care considers the support to carers as a critical element of this process. Adult Social Care is committed to working jointly with all other services in providing help and support in order to ensure that all care is fully integrated.
- 1.3 In order to achieve a whole system change and shared vision, the following strategies are currently being developed in Kent:
  - East Kent Clinical Commissioning Group - End of Life Care Strategy: Promoting high quality care for all adults at the End of Life - 2016 – 2018

- West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group - End of Life Care Strategy 2016-2019
- Medway and Swale Clinical Commissioning Group - End of Life Care Strategy

## **2. Kent End of Life Care Strategy**

- 2.1 To support the development of the above strategies and for Adult Social Care to understand how it is working to implement End of Life Care, an assessment of current activity against the national framework was undertaken. Outcomes from the assessment resulted in the End of Life Care in Kent Strategy which is designed to keep people informed of our current activities and sign post for further information. By measuring current activity against the national framework this has allowed us to identify gaps and develop an operational action plan.
- 2.2 Ambitions for Palliative and End of Life Care: A national framework for local action 2015-2020 was published in 2015. It reframes the government's 2008 National End of Life Care Strategy placing person-centred care at the forefront and presents six ambitions, based on collective experience and analysis of the many reviews and reports in to this area of care, along with what is needed to realise these ambitions. The ambitions are the driving force for current innovation and initiatives in End of Life Care, they are:
- Each person is seen as individual
  - Each person gets fair access to care
  - Maximising comfort and wellbeing
  - Care is coordinated
  - All staff are prepared to care
  - Each community is prepared to help

## **3. Governance**

- 3.1 Adult Social Care is a member of the Kent, Surrey and Sussex, Academic Health Science network End of Life Care Advisory Group, which consists of a range of partners working across the region to improve End of Life Care.
- 3.2 It is proposed that the Adult Social Care End of Life Care Strategy and action plan is overseen by health and social care in Kent. A yearly Innovation Workshop organised through the Design and Learning Centre for Clinical and Social Innovation will review the plan and set new targets for the year ahead.

## **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 The End of Life Care Strategy has allowed Adult Social Care to benchmark against the national framework. The Strategy provides information on the current offer and where gaps have been identified. An operational action plan has been developed to identify ways to improve the experience of End of Life Care which will also be achieved through effective and robust partnership working across health and social care and the voluntary and private sector.

## 5. Recommendation(s)

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## 6. Background Documents

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

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