

Communities, Housing and Environment Committee

16/04/19

External Board/Outside Body

External Board/Outside Body	KCC Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Councillor(s) represented on the Outside Body/External Board	Cllr Derek Mortimer
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Date of External Board/Outside Body Meeting Attended	22/03/19

Purpose of the External Board/Outside Body:

"To review and scrutinise matters relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in Kent through exercising the powers conferred on Kent County Council under Section 244 of the National Health Service Act 2006 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012."

Update:

In Summer 2015 Kent County Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Medway Council's Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee determined that changes being proposed by the NHS to Hyper Acute and Acute Stroke Services in Kent and Medway amounted to a proposal for a substantial variation to the health service across both areas. A number of further meetings have taken place between the STP, CCG's and councils to assess the provision of stroke services including a public consultation. This particular meeting concentrated on the closure of the Thanet QEQM stroke unit. The main concerns were raised were staffing levels and journey time to other units. After a long debate the committee voted unanimously to reject the proposed closure. The committee asked the NHS to consider and respond back to the committee before a final determination to refer the matter back to the Secretary of State. Full details and minutes can be found here :-

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s89616/HOSC%20Stroke%20Review%20-%20Covering%20Report%20-%2022%20March%202019.pdf>