

# Communities Housing & Environment

16<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## External Board/Outside Body

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| <b>External Board/Outside Body</b>                                  | KCC Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee |
| <b>Councillor(s) represented on the Outside Body/External Board</b> | Derek Mortimer                             |
| <b>Report Author</b>  | Derek Mortimer                             |
| <b>Date of External Board/Outside Body Meeting Attended</b>         | 01/09/18                                   |

### **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:**

The activity of the committee is to scrutinise health care and provision across Kent. My purpose is to represent the CHE committee as part of this committee's portfolio. Although the HOSC works across Kent I am mainly interested on items that affect Maidstone.

At the last meeting the majority of the agenda related to other items across Kent. However two items Children & Young Peoples Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health and NHS Preparations for 2018/2019 Winter were more relevant to Maidstone.

The first item highlighted the numerous types of referral received and number of referrals was increasing. Unless staff recruitment improves in the near future the 18 week referral target will be lost which will create a decline and significantly increase the referral period. There is obviously a huge demand for this service.

The second item NHS Preparations for winter appears to be quite robust in terms of planning and response. It is recognised that lessons were learnt from the severe weather experienced at the beginning of this year. The STP Clinical and Professional Board agreed the Urgent and Emergency Care model which the system will continue to develop and will be implemented over the next 18 months. A review and testing of plans is currently taking place.

Further details :-

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