

## **Kent and Medway Stroke Review - Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC)**

### **(a) Terms of Reference**

- (1) To consider information and make comments on proposals for a substantial variation to stroke services in Kent & Medway which affect Kent, Medway, East Sussex and Bexley and which are under consideration by a relevant NHS body.
- (2) To exercise the right to make comments under regulations 23(4) and 30(5) of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 (the 2013 Regulations) on behalf of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committees of Kent County Council, Medway Council, East Sussex County Council and Bexley Council on proposals relating to stroke services in Kent and Medway under consideration by a relevant NHS body.
- (3) To consider whether the proposal for a substantial variation to stroke services in Kent & Medway affecting the areas covered by Kent, Medway, East Sussex and Bexley should be referred to the Secretary of State under regulation 23(9) of the 2013 Regulations and, if deemed appropriate, to recommend this course of action to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committees of Kent County Council, Medway Council, East Sussex County Council and Bexley Council who may each agree to make a referral in line with their respective Constitutions. (Note: the exercise of the power to make a referral to the Secretary of State has not been delegated to the JHOSC).

### **(b) Rules**

- (1) Regulation 30 of the 2013 Regulations states that where a relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider consults more than one local authority on any proposal which they have under consideration for a substantial development of, or variation to, the provision of a health service in the local authorities' areas, those local authorities must appoint a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) for the purposes of the review and only that Committee may make comments.
- (2) There will be a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, for the Kent & Medway Stroke Review, comprising of:
  - 4 Members of Kent County Council
  - 4 Members of Medway Council
  - 2 Members of East Sussex County Council
  - 2 Members of Bexley Council
- (3) The quorum of the Kent, Medway, East Sussex and Bexley Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is 4 Members with at least one Member from each constituent Authority present.

- (4) The JHOSC will appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair at its first meeting in each municipal year. (It is expected that the Chair and Vice-Chair will be appointed from among the Kent and Medway Members on an annually rotating basis). Where a review is unfinished at the end of a municipal year, the Committee may agree that the previous year's Chair (if still a member of the committee) may continue to preside over consideration of matters relating to that review.
- (5) The formal response of the JHOSC will be reached as far as is reasonably practicable by consensus and decided by a majority vote. If the JHOSC cannot agree a single response to a proposal under consideration then a minority response which is supported by the largest minority, but at least two Members, may be prepared and submitted for consideration by the NHS body or a relevant health service provider with the majority response. The names of those who dissent may, at a Member's request, be recorded on the main response.