

# Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

BRIEFING NOTE – No. 8/21

## Primary Care Briefing Note – GP Estates Strategy

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 This paper responds to the request from the Medway Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 11 March 2021 for a request for a briefing note on the development of a Kent and Medway GP Estates Strategy
- 1.2 The same action also included a request for an update on the Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) plans to encourage the creation of GP training practices. This is covered in the separate paper 'Workforce Plan and Activities' report (see briefing paper no.10/21) which outlines the key activities in place across Kent and Medway as part of the wider Primary Care Workforce Plan.

### **2. GP Estates Strategy Development**

- 2.1 Work to progress a single CCG GP estates strategy during 2020 was impacted by pandemic and CCG restructure. Work has commenced although a timeline for completion and submission to the Primary Care Commissioning Committee is to be agreed.
- 2.2 The single estates strategy will include a set of key principles that will underpin the development and utilisation of estate for general practice. To inform the strategy a review of latest council local plans and housing trajectories to inform population growth assumptions and strategic areas of development is being undertaken. This is an iterative process and will continue to be assessed and considered as Local Plans evolve.
- 2.3 Aligned to this is a review of progress related to projects previously identified and supported by former CCGs along with identification of areas where new plans may be required to respond to the strategy. This will include projects where S106 contributions can be aligned and utilised. Engagement with general practices and Primary Care Networks will continue as part of this ongoing process.
- 2.4 A key principle in the strategy will be to consider utilisation of existing NHS estate where additional space requirements are identified and where it makes sense to do so geographically.

- 2.5 The CCG is in the first wave of a national programme to gather consistent data on general practice premises. This information will further inform the local considerations regarding primary care infrastructure in response to the Strategy. The programme has been delayed due to the pandemic; a start date is being kept under review for during 2021.
- 2.6 An update on the Primary Care and Local Care Strategy was provided to the CCG Primary Care Commissioning Committee on 18 March 2021.  
<https://www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events/events/event-details?occurrenceID=530> (Agenda item 8 , Estates references - Page 49 & 50)