

Communities Housing & Environment

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External Board/Outside Body

External Board/Outside Body	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	01/01/19

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:

The Committee have requested a report from the Kent & Medway STP on the work being undertaken as part of the Workforce Workstream with a specific focus on the Primary Care Workforce.

Main points from the meeting on GP's services :- 90% of patients using the NHS services come from via GP referral. Lack of GP's across Kent equated to an 11% vacancy gap and there is a substantial lack of nurses within practices. 20% of GP's are currently over 55, which also appears to be the preferred retirement age amongst GP's although some stay on longer but reduce their hours in the practice. A programme of retention and recruitment is planned costing 1.5 million pounds in Kent. A new Kent & Medway Medical School is planned in Canterbury. Members raised concerns that the new STP (Sustainability Transformation Programme) was fitting services to budgets as opposed to the health needs of the population.