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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to the HOSC meeting of 07 May 2019.

*You asked:*

- 1. May we see the full minutes for the 'informal meeting' that took place on May 7th?*
- 2. May we be given access of a recording of it please?*
- 3. Did ALL members of the HOSC agree to this private 'informal meeting' taking place?*
- 4. How many members of the HOSC actually attended the informal meeting?*

STP response:

The motion from the Kent HOSC on 22nd March was clear about the potential for a referral by the HOSC to the Secretary of State. We and the local authority were mindful that the health scrutiny regulations and guidance actively require the HOSC and NHS to try and reach agreement locally, before a referral is made. It absolutely does not limit this to formal committee meetings.

Bearing in mind the health scrutiny regulations and guidance, the briefing on 7 May was arranged by mutual agreement between the HOSC and the NHS. All members of the HOSC were invited to attend. The briefing was not a meeting of a decision making committee and no decisions were made. It was simply a way for elected members to find out more about an issue. Many of the Kent HOSC members were not members of the Joint HOSC for the stroke review, which had scrutinised the process for 3 years. This meant Kent HOSC members were much less familiar than the Joint HOSC members with the

details of the stroke review, specifically with the process followed, the more detailed mechanics and treatment of stroke as a disease and the evidence about what works best to improve the chance of survival and minimise disability following a stroke.

Please see below the response to your questions:

1. No minutes were taken. This was an informal briefing for HOSC members to provide them with an overview of the stroke review and the evidence on which the plans to establish HASUs is based. No new information or evidence was provided at this briefing. The presentation used to support the briefing is attached.



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2. No recording was made of the informal briefing.
3. We do not hold this information. You may wish to ask this question of Kent County Council. We understand the invitation to attend the briefing was issued to all HOSC members.
4. Eight HOSC members attended the meeting