

Report to: **East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)**

Date: **16th June 2008**

By: **Director of Law and Personnel**

Title of report: **HOSC work programme 2008/9**

Purpose of report: **To agree HOSC's work programme for 2008/9 and to initiate the Committee's scrutiny review of stroke care.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

HOSC is recommended:

- 1. To agree the work programme as outlined in Appendix 1.**
 - 2. To nominate Members to form a Review Board to lead the scrutiny review of stroke care.**
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1. Background

1.1 On 8th May 2008 HOSC held a work planning seminar. The purpose of this session was to review the status of current items on the HOSC work programme, consider items likely to come forward from the NHS over the coming year and to prioritise topics HOSC will consider proactively during 2008/9.

2. Work programme 2008/9

2.1 Following the work planning seminar, the HOSC work programme has been updated to incorporate the items discussed. The revised work programme is attached at appendix 1 for the Committee's agreement.

2.2 At the seminar, HOSC identified two topics which would be suitable for full scrutiny review – these were stroke care and nutrition and feeding in hospitals. It was proposed that the stroke care review would commence as soon as possible in order to run alongside the development of a local stroke strategy by the East Sussex PCTs. The review of nutrition and feeding in hospitals would then follow on, and this would include possible joint working with the East Sussex LINK which will be fully up and running by the time the review would be due to start.

2.3 HOSC is therefore recommended to nominate Members to form a Review Board to lead the stroke care review over the coming 6-8 months. Review Boards usually consist of approximately four Committee Members. The Review Board's final report will be presented to the full Committee for approval. This is anticipated to be in March 2009.

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