

East Sussex Better Together Scrutiny Board

Comments to the ESBT Strategic Commissioning Board

Scrutiny Board Members:

Cllr Angharad Davies (Chair), Cllr John Barnes, Cllr Martin Clarke, Cllr Roy Galley, Cllr Alan Shuttleworth, Cllr Trevor Webb

Apologies: Cllr Colin Swansborough (Cllr John Ungar substituted)

Below is a summary of the comments and recommendations of the ESBT Scrutiny Board that met on 19 December for consideration by the ESBT Strategic Commissioning Board (SCB) on 20 December 2017.

Item 6 – East Sussex Better Together Financial Position and Progress with the Strategic Investment Plan

The Scrutiny Board discussed the report and the ESBT financial position in detail and agreed to highlight the following points to the ESBT SCB:

- Members appreciate the improvements which have been achieved in terms of bending the demand curve and improving quality.
- The Board acknowledges the very challenging financial position in 2017/18. This will result in a deficit position for the system which is of concern.
- Members feel it is essential that incentives work across the patient pathway. There is a need for support from the regulators (NHS England and NHS Improvement) to enable ESBT Alliance partners to move to an aligned incentive contract arrangement to facilitate this approach.
- The Scrutiny Board feels strongly that regulators need to move to an aligned position nationally as soon as possible. The Chair of the Board will write to local MPs to this effect.
- Members recognise the need for Alliance partners to continue to work together to make best use of the collective ESBT resource.

Item 7 – East Sussex Better Together (ESBT) Alliance Outcome Framework progress update

The Scrutiny Board recommends that the SCB endorses the proposed reporting arrangements for 2018/19.

The Board recommends that officers should continue to refine the outcome measures related to healthy life expectancy to ensure that reducing inequality is the defining objective and the outcome is as meaningful as possible.

Item 8 – East Sussex Better Together (ESBT) Alliance New Model of Care progress update

The Scrutiny Board supports the work underway in relation to further progression of the ESBT Alliance for 2018/19 onwards and would emphasise the need to continue to drive forward this work at pace.