

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

Date of meeting: 1 December 2016

By: Assistant Chief Executive

Title: Sussex and East Surrey Sustainability and Transformation Plan

Purpose: To update HOSC with the progress of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan and to consider implications for East Sussex

RECOMMENDATIONS

1) To consider and comment on the report.

2) To continue informal liaison with neighbouring HOSCs through the HOSC Chairs and Officers network and request a further update in March 2017.

1 Background

1.1 In December 2015, the NHS shared planning guidance 16/17 – 20/21 outlined a new approach to help ensure that health and care services are built around the needs of local populations. To do this, every health and care system in England was tasked with producing a multi-year Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), showing how local services will evolve and become sustainable over the next five years – ultimately delivering the NHS England Five Year Forward View (5YFV) vision of better health, better patient care and improved NHS efficiency.

1.2 Local health and care systems came together in January 2016 to form 44 STP ‘footprints’. The health and care organisations within these geographic footprints are working together to develop STPs which aim to help drive genuine and sustainable transformation in patient experience and health outcomes for the longer-term. Plans are also expected to demonstrate how the health system will achieve financial balance by 2020/21.

1.3 The NHS shared planning guidance (December 2015) explained that the success of STPs will depend on having an open, engaging, and iterative process that harnesses the energies of clinicians, patients, carers, citizens, and local community partners including the independent and voluntary sectors, and local government.

1.4 In June 2016 HOSC received a report outlining the purpose and process of developing the STPs. The latest iterations of the plans were submitted to NHS England on 21 October. Most STPs have either already been published, or are in the process of being published. There has been some criticism nationally of the lack of publically available information earlier in the process, for example a recent [report by the King’s Fund](#) which also noted the challenging timescale for developing STPs (previously circulated to HOSC Members).

1.5 If STPs propose any ‘substantial developments or variations’ to health services, relevant HOSCs would need to be consulted in the usual way according to health scrutiny legislation.

2 Supporting information

2.1 The local footprint which includes East Sussex is ‘Sussex and East Surrey’. This comprises 23 partner organisations. The nominated Chair for this STP is Michael Wilson, Chief Executive of Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust. Wendy Carberry, Accountable Officer of High Weald Lewes Havens Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is the nominated Senior Responsible Officer (SRO).

2.2 The Sussex and East Surrey STP will be published by 25 November and circulated in full to HOSC Members when available. An overview presentation will also be provided to HOSC

(appendix 1). This will be presented by Wendy Carberry as SRO, with input from local health and social care colleagues.

2.3 The development of STPs in the South East was discussed at a meeting of HOSC Chairs and Officers with the NHS England Regional Director and STP representatives on 18 November. HOSC Chairs wished to gain assurances regarding patient, public and stakeholder involvement in the plans and ongoing engagement with health scrutiny. Most STPs cover more than one HOSC area, necessitating liaison between HOSCs on scrutiny arrangements. It is suggested that this informal liaison continues in order that HOSCs are in a good position to undertake any more formal scrutiny should this be required.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 HOSC is recommended to consider and comment on the report, to maintain informal liaison with neighbouring HOSCs, and to request a further update in March 2017.

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