

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

Date of meeting: 21 September 2017

By: Assistant Chief Executive

Title: Sussex and East Surrey Sustainability and Transformation Partnership

Purpose: To provide HOSC with an update on progress of the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) To consider and comment on the report.**
 - 2) To provisionally request a further update in March 2018, to be determined by the Chair dependent on progress.**
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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 and deliver STPs which aim to help drive 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 local footprint which includes East Sussex is 'Sussex and East Surrey'. This comprises 24 partner organisations – NHS commissioners and providers and top tier local authorities. Since they were established STPs have been renamed Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships, reflecting the move from planning to delivery and the importance of engagement across the partners and more widely. STPs are not legal entities in themselves and have no decision making powers - each partner organisation remains sovereign.

1.4 If STPs propose any 'substantial developments or variations' to health services, relevant HOSCs would need to be consulted by relevant NHS organisations in the usual way according to health scrutiny legislation.

2 Supporting information

2.1 The first iteration of the Sussex and East Surrey STP was published in November 2016. The published documents are available on Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Trust websites, for example: <http://www.highwealdleweshavensccg.nhs.uk/our-programmes/sussex-and-surrey-sustainability-and-transformation-plan/>

2.2 In December 2016 HOSC received an overview presentation which outlined three 'place-based plans' which formed the basis of the STP. Two of these included parts of East Sussex – East Sussex Better Together (which covers Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford and Hastings and Rother CCG areas) and the Central Sussex and East Surrey Alliance (CSESA), which incorporates the Connecting 4 You programme in High Weald Lewes Havens (HWLH) CCG. The CSESA area has subsequently been divided into two – north and south – with HWLH falling into the CSESA South 'place' with Brighton and Hove CCG and part of Horsham and Mid-Sussex CCG.

2.3 The place-based plans focus on integration of health and social care services in localities, developing community services, proactive management of long term conditions and increased emphasis on prevention and self-care.

2.4 Overlaying the place-based plans are a number of other workstreams being undertaken at STP footprint level, notably workforce planning and reviewing the capacity and sustainability of acute hospital services.

2.5 HOSC last had an update on the progress of the STP in March 2017. At that time the STP was undergoing a 'review and refresh' to ensure it was adding value to local work and was focussed on the right priorities, with appropriate governance arrangements. The review of acute services was also progressing with support from external consultants undertaking analysis of hospital capacity and future demand. Some outcomes from this work were expected over the summer. HOSC will want to understand how these areas of work have progressed since March.

2.6 The nominated Chair for this STP is Michael Wilson, Chief Executive of Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, who is also the provider Senior Responsible Officer (SRO). Wendy Carberry, Accountable Officer of High Weald Lewes Havens CCG is the nominated CCG SRO and she will provide HOSC with an update on STP progress – slides attached at appendix 1.

2.7 Most STPs cover more than one HOSC area, necessitating liaison between HOSCs on scrutiny arrangements. Informal liaison is continuing between HOSC Chairs and Officers in Sussex and Surrey in order that local 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 and to provisionally request a further update in March 2018, to be confirmed by the Chair dependent on progress and the availability of new information for HOSC to consider.

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