

## **East Sussex Better Together (ESBT) Scrutiny Board**

### **Comments to the ESBT Strategic Commissioning Board**

#### **Scrutiny Board Members:**

Cllr Angharad Davies (Chair), Cllr John Barnes, Cllr Colin Swansborough, Cllr Trevor Webb  
Apologies: Cllr Martin Clarke, Cllr Roy Galley, Cllr Alan Shuttleworth  
(*N.B. meeting rearranged at short notice due to adverse weather*)

***Below is a summary of the comments and recommendations of the ESBT Scrutiny Board that met on 7 March 2018 for consideration by the ESBT Strategic Commissioning Board (SCB) on 9 March 2018.***

#### **Item 6 – Care Quality Commission (CQC) Area Review Report and Action Plan**

The Scrutiny Board discussed the CQC report and the local Action Plan, noting that implementation will be overseen by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). The Scrutiny Board agreed to highlight the following comments to the ESBT SCB and HWB:

- The report is essentially positive and there is evidence of good prospects for continued improvement.
- It is notable that data on hospital admissions for over 65s indicates a positive picture in terms of delivery of the local strategy for integrated services.
- The Board recognises the challenge highlighted by CQC for local transformation plans to link to a wider system vision at Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) level (or potentially a wider geography). However, given the complexities of developing a coherent vision at that level, the Board believes that the focus should be on East Sussex as the primary planning area and welcomes CQC's comments in this regard. The East Sussex vision should of course be congruent with that emerging at STP level, and the local system should continue to support the STP in this respect whilst continuing to move forward local plans at pace.
- The Scrutiny Board welcomes the planned review of the HWB and would encourage the HWB to take the opportunity for an open and frank look at its role and effectiveness. The proposed approach in terms of an independently facilitated workshop is welcomed.
- The actions in place in response to the CQC findings on specific issues such as discharge arrangements are appropriate and the Board is keen to see these progressed in a timely way.
- The Board recommends that Adult Social Care and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee maintains additional oversight of work with regard to care home capacity and quality.

#### **Item 7 – East Sussex Better Together Financial Position and Progress with the Strategic Investment Plan**

The Scrutiny Board agreed to highlight the following points to the ESBT SCB:

- The Board continues to acknowledge the very challenging financial position in 2017/18.

- Members endorse the range of recovery actions being developed and implemented collaboratively through the ESBT structures.

#### **Item 8 – East Sussex Better Together Alliance New Model of Care progress update**

The Scrutiny Board acknowledges and supports the ongoing work in relation to developing the ESBT Alliance new model of care.

The Board wishes to highlight the opportunities in 2018/19 to work collectively as a system to make best use of combined resources for the benefit of East Sussex. This includes opportunities to present financial information in a way which will maximise transformation fund opportunities. The Financial Framework Agreement will be key to setting out the collective approach.

#### **Item 9 – East Sussex Better Together Alliance Outcome Framework progress update**

- The Scrutiny Board welcomes the changes made as a result of public and stakeholder feedback which are beneficial in terms of accessibility.
- The refinements and additions to indicators and measures based on availability of data are also welcome.
- The Board is pleased to see the Outcomes Framework is an active document but would highlight the importance of top level outcomes remaining constant in order to track progress over time.
- The Board would suggest that the focus should now be on securing appropriate data, populating the framework and developing integrated systems for reporting performance.