

East Sussex Better Together (ESBT) Scrutiny Board

Comments to the East Sussex Health and Wellbeing 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 East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) on 13 March 2018.

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 HWB. The Scrutiny Board agreed to highlight the following comments to the East Sussex Better Together Strategic Commissioning Board 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.