

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

Date of meeting: 28 November 2019

By: Assistant Chief Executive

Title: Work Programme

Purpose: To agree the Committee's work programme

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1) agree the updated work programme at appendix 1.
 - 2) Identity any specific issues to be raised with NHS organisations through HOSC Working Groups.
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1 Background

1.1 The work programme contains the proposed agenda items for future HOSC meetings and is included on the agenda for each committee meeting.

1.2 This report also provides an update on other work going on outside the Committee's main meetings.

2. Supporting information

2.1. The work programme is attached as **appendix 1** to this report. It contains the proposed agenda items for the upcoming HOSC meetings, as well as other HOSC work going on outside of the formal meetings, including the joint HOSC sub-groups. The updated work programme will be published online following this meeting. A link to the work programme is available on the [HOSC webpages](#).

HOSC Working Groups

2.2. Both active Joint HOSC sub-groups have three representatives from East Sussex HOSC. The two joint HOSC sub-groups have been set up to scrutinise the following Trusts:

Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust (BSUH)

- A joint sub-group with West Sussex and Brighton and Hove HOSCs. It was set up originally to scrutinise BSUH's response to the findings of recent CQC inspections and the Trust's wider performance and quality improvement plans, however, the Trust is now rated good by the CQC and Members agreed to change the focus of the working group to horizon-scanning, and identifying new initiatives and issues. Meets approximately twice per year. Membership: Cllrs Belsey, Boorman and Howell. The next meeting is on 16 March 2020

Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SPFT)

- A joint Sussex HOSCs sub-group set up originally to scrutinise SPFT's response to the findings of CQC inspections and the Trust's wider quality improvement plan. The Trust is now rated as good by the CQC so the Members have agreed to reduce the frequency of meetings and change the focus of the working group to horizon-scanning, and identifying new initiatives and issues. Meets at least annually. Membership: Cllrs Belsey, Pragnell and Osborne. The last meeting was on 27 September 2019 and the next meeting is planned for March 2020.

Update on Eastbourne Walk-In Centre

2.3. The Committee agreed in March 2018 that proposals to close the walk-in centres at Eastbourne Station and Station Plaza in Hastings, in conjunction with establishing Urgent Treatment Centres at Eastbourne District General Hospital and Conquest Hospital, constituted a 'substantial variation to health services' requiring the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to formally consult with the Committee. The development of the proposals was paused for review in June 2018.

2.4. The Committee agreed at its meeting on 26 September 2019 that revised proposals to turn Hastings Station Plaza walk-in centre into a primary care-led hub no longer constituted a substantial variation to services.

2.5. In light of NHS restrictions on activity in the run up to the general election on 12 December, a CCG Governing Body consideration of updated proposals for Eastbourne walk-in centre has been deferred to the new year. It has not therefore been possible to provide an update to HOSC at this meeting as planned.

2.6. HOSC's decision from March 2018 that a proposal for closure of Eastbourne walk-in centre would constitute a substantial variation to services still stands. Should the updated proposals brought forward by the CCGs in early 2020 still include this option, the CCGs will begin formal consultation with HOSC. The review board previously established by HOSC to carry out detailed scrutiny of the proposals will resume its work immediately should the CCGs publish updated proposals prior to the next HOSC meeting in March 2020. The proposals will also be made publicly available as part of any CCG Governing Body agenda.

2.7. It is proposed to schedule an update on the proposals for Eastbourne walk-in centre for the next HOSC meeting on 26 March; this may include an interim report from the HOSC review board if appropriate.

3 Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 The work programme sets out HOSC's work both during formal meetings and outside of them. The committee is asked to consider and agree the updated work programme.

3.2 HOSC members are also invited to request that HOSC sub-group representatives raise any specific identified issues with the relevant NHS organisations at future sub-group meetings.

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