

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

Date of meeting: **10 September 2020**

By: **Assistant Chief Executive**

Title: **Eastbourne Station Health Centre**

Purpose: **To consider the HOSC Review Board's draft report on NHS proposals for the future of the Eastbourne Station Health Centre**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1) endorse the draft report and recommendations of the HOSC Review Board (to follow);**
 - 2) agree that the Review Board finalises the report after considering the outcome of the public consultation; and**
 - 3) agree to refer the final report to East Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group for consideration as part of their decision making process.**
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1. Background

1.1. On 29 March 2018 HOSC considered a report by the local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) on the proposed closure of the Eastbourne and Hastings Walk-in Centres.

1.2. The Committee resolved that the proposals constituted a 'substantial development or variation to services' requiring formal consultation by the CCGs with HOSC in accordance with health scrutiny legislation.

1.3. The CCGs subsequently revised their proposals and the Committee agreed on 26 September 2019 that the proposals for Hastings no longer constituted a substantial variation to services.

1.4. The walk-in centre in Eastbourne is located at the Eastbourne Station Health Centre alongside a GP practice.

1.5. HOSC established a Review Board to consider the evidence in relation to the proposed closure of the Eastbourne Station Health Centre in detail and prepare a report and any recommendations as the Committee's response to the consultation. The Board comprised Cllrs Belsey, Mrs Barnes, Morris and Turner, and Jennifer Twist; the Review Board elected Cllr Belsey as the Chair.

1.6. The Review Board considered a wide range of written and oral evidence from NHS and other witnesses and agreed a draft report and recommendations, which is included as Appendix 1 to this report. Please note that the Appendix will be published 'to follow'.

1.7. A copy of this draft report has been shared with East Sussex CCG in advance of this meeting.

1.8. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the separate public consultation by the CCG has not been completed ahead of this HOSC meeting. It is recommended, therefore, that HOSC agrees that the Review Board finalises the report having considered the outcome of the public consultation when this is available.

2. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

2.1 HOSC is recommended to endorse the Review Board's draft report; agree that the Review Board finalises the report after considering the outcome of the public consultation; and agree to refer it to the East Sussex CCG for consideration as part of their decision making process.

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