

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

Date of meeting: 10 December 2020

By: Assistant Chief Executive

Title: NHS Response to Covid-19 in East Sussex

Purpose: To consider the NHS response to Covid-19 in East Sussex and the ongoing impact on NHS services for East Sussex residents

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1) consider and comment on the report; and**
 - 2) agree to a further report on Covid-19 response at a future meeting.**
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1. Background

1.1. The outbreak of Covid-19 earlier in the year led to many drastic changes to the health service across the country in order to contain and respond to the spread of the virus.

1.2. The HOSC considered a report on the NHS initial response to Covid-19 at its meeting on 10th September setting out the impact of the virus on residents in East Sussex and the healthcare system, and the NHS response.

1.3. The Committee agreed that, with a second wave likely, the NHS should provide a further update at its 10th December meeting in order to understand how the NHS is coping with the rise in Covid-19 whilst continuing to maintain elective services.

1.4. The report from East Sussex CCG, attached as appendix 1, contains a summary of the NHS response to Covid-19 in East Sussex, it includes:

- The impact of COVID-19 on the East Sussex population
- How the NHS has worked together to manage its response, including maintenance and restoration of critical NHS services
- The impact of COVID-19 on East Sussex Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities and health workers, and actions that the NHS is taking.
- The NHS winter plan including capacity for COVID-19 and seasonal demand (for example flu)
- East Sussex plans for COVID-19 immunisation
- The financial implications for the NHS.

2. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

2.1 HOSC is recommended to consider and comment on the report and consider whether a further update is necessary.

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