

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

**Date of meeting:** 4 March 2021

**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

---

## ***RECOMMENDATION***

**The Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the report.**

---

### **1. Background**

1.1. The outbreak of Covid-19 in early 2020 led to unprecedented pressure on the NHS and the implementation of many urgent changes to health services across the country in order to contain and respond to the spread of the virus.

1.2. HOSC has considered an update on the NHS response to COVID-19 over the past three meetings.

### **2. Supporting information**

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

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

2.3. With cases continuing to rise rapidly in early December, the HOSC agreed at its 10<sup>th</sup> December meeting to keep COVID-19 on its agenda and asked for a further update at its 4<sup>th</sup> March meeting.

2.4. 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:

- A summary of COVID-19 impact in East Sussex
- NHS response to the COVID-19 pandemic in East Sussex
- COVID-19 vaccination programme
- The impact of COVID-19 on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities and health workers
- East Sussex system winter plan update.

### **3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

3.1. HOSC is recommended to consider and comment on the report.

**PHILIP BAKER**  
Assistant Chief Executive

Contact Officer: Harvey Winder, Democratic Services Officer  
Tel. No. 01273 481796  
Email: [Harvey.winder@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Harvey.winder@eastsussex.gov.uk)