

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

Date: **03 December 2015**

By: **Assistant Chief Executive**

Title: **HOSC Work Programme**

Purpose: **To provide information on progress against current work programme items and to suggest additional issues for consideration.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

HOSC is recommended to agree the suggested amendments and additions to the committee work programme.

1. Background

- 1.1 The HOSC work programme agreed by members at the last (01 October 2015) committee meeting contained, in addition to items included on the 03 December 2015 committee agenda, two further items: ***NHS Strategic Investment Plan*** and ***Devolved Commissioning of GP Services***.
- 1.2 Subsequent to the 01 October meeting, the HOSC Chair agreed to include two unanticipated items on the 03 December agenda: ***SECamb Winter Pressures*** and ***High Weald Maternity Pathways***. After discussion with East Sussex CCGs it was agreed that the two items detailed in 1.1 should be deferred to the 24 March 2016 meeting so as not to overcrowd the December agenda.
- 1.3 The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has recently published an inspection report on urgent and emergency services at the Royal Sussex County Hospital (RSCH), Brighton. The hospital is managed by Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals Trust (BSUH). The CQC rated RSCH urgent and emergency services 'inadequate' (with *inadequate* scores in both the *safe* and *well-led* domains). The full report can be found here: <http://www.cqc.org.uk/location/RXH01/reports>. RSCH is the District General Hospital for significant numbers of East and West Sussex residents as well as those of Brighton & Hove, as well as being an important tertiary care hospital for people across Sussex and beyond. In order to best coordinate scrutiny of RSCH, Brighton & Hove HOSC has suggested that it convenes a special committee meeting in early 2016 to examine the RSCH CQC report. The Chairs of both East and West Sussex HOSCs will be invited to participate. Any findings or recommendations from this meeting will be reported back to East Sussex HOSC members, and there will be an option to pursue the matter further at the 24 March 2016 committee meeting.
- 1.4 East Sussex CCGs have suggested that the HOSC may want to consider the **Kent, Surrey & Sussex Stroke Review** at the March 2016 committee meeting. This review is unlikely to recommend significant changes to Eastbourne or Hastings-based services, as these services have only recently been reconfigured. However, it may require significant changes at the Royal Sussex County, Princess Royal (Hayward's Heath) or Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells hospitals, all of which are used by East Sussex residents.
- 1.5 The HOSC ***ESHT Quality Improvement Scrutiny Review Board*** is also expected to report to the March 2016 HOSC meeting.
- 1.6 The items detailed above are included in a draft HOSC work programme (**Appendix 1** to this report).

2. Conclusion and recommendation

2.1 HOSC members are asked to agree the future committee work programme (**Appendix 1**).

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