

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

**Date of meeting:** 3 October 2024

**By:** Deputy Chief Executive

**Title:** Access to General Practice in East Sussex

**Purpose:** To provide an update on work being done to improve access to General Practice and Primary Care Network (PCN) services in East Sussex

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1) Note the report; and
  - 2) identify if there are any areas it wishes to scrutinise further.
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### **1. Background**

1.1. The Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) has received a number of reports at its previous meetings which explored primary care services, most recently an overview and update of Primary Care Networks (PCNs) at its meeting in September 2023. At that meeting the HOSC requested an update report on access to GPs and PCN development be brought to this meeting.

### **2. Supporting information**

2.1. The report, which is attached as **Appendix 1**, includes details on General Practice in East Sussex, and covers a number of areas which the HOSC asked about when it considered the report at its September meeting, as well as developments that have taken place since the last report. This includes:

- Strategic NHS planning objectives and priorities for Sussex
- GP appointments and enhanced access, including local arrangements for delivery of enhanced access across PCNs set out in Annex B of the Appendix
- Models of access to General Practice
- Workforce and Additional Role Reimbursement Scheme
- Emotional Wellbeing Support Service
- Estates developments
- Mitigating against Digital Access Exclusion
- COVID-19 vaccinations – overview of Spring 2024 campaign
- PCNS Tackling Health Inequalities
- Patients Not Attending Appointments
- Patient Choice

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

3.1 The HOSC is recommended to note the report and consider whether it would like to add any future updates on primary care to its work programme.

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