

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) – Work Programme

Current Scrutiny Reviews		
Title of Review	Detail	Proposed Completion Date
Review of the Provision of Audiology Services in East Sussex.	Following consideration of a report at the HOSC meeting held on 30 July 2024, the Committee agreed to undertake a review of the provision of Audiology Services in East Sussex. This follows concerns and issues raised with HOSC about the provision and access to services, including the treatments for earwax removal. The review board is comprised of Councillors Azad, Belsey, Marlow-Eastwood, Robinson (Chair) and Shuttleworth.	March 2025

Initial Scoping Reviews			
Subject area for initial scoping	Detail	Proposed Dates	
To be agreed.	To be agreed.	To be agreed	
List of Suggested Potential Future Scrutiny Review Topics			
Suggested Topic	Detail		
To be agreed.			

Scrutiny Reference Groups			
Reference Group Title	Subject Area	Meetings Dates	
Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SPFT) HOSC liaison group	Regular informal meetings with SPFT and other Sussex HOSC Chairs and Vice Chairs to consider the Trust's work and other mental health issues. Membership: Cllrs Belsey and Robinson	Next meetings: January 2025 and April 2025	
Reports for Information			
Subject Area	Detail	Proposed Date	
Inappropriate behaviour of NHS staff	Following media reports that there were national problems with inappropriate staff behaviour in the NHS, to provide a briefing on the extent of the issue in East Sussex and what is being done to address problems if they were known to exist.	2024	
Training and Development			
Title of Training/Briefing	Detail	Proposed Date	
Visit to Ambulance Make Ready station and new Operations Centre – East.	A visit to the new Medway Make Ready station and new Operations Centre for 999 and 111 services once the new centre is operational.	Autumn / Winter 2024	
Visit to the new Inpatient Mental Health facility at Bexhill	A visit to the new Inpatient Mental Health facility due to be built at a site in North East Bexhill to replace the Department of Psychiatry at Eastbourne District General Hospital (EDGH).	TBC but likely 2025	

Future Committee Agenda Items		Witnesses
6 March 2025		
Ophthalmology Transformation Programme	An update report on the implementation of the ESHT Ophthalmology Transformation Programme including the development of services at Bexhill Hospital and the implementation of HOSC recommendations on transport and access measures made as part of the review of these transformation programmes	Representatives from ESHT and NHS Sussex.
SECAmb CQC report	A report on the progress of South East Coast Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust (SECAmb) improvement journey and exiting the Recovery Support Programme (RSP).	Representatives from SECAmb
Access to NHS Dentistry Services	An update report on the progress being made to improve access to NHS Dentistry services in East Sussex.	Representatives from NHS Sussex
HOSC Review of Audiology Services in East Sussex	To consider the report of the Review Board undertaking the review of Audiology Services in Eats Sussex.	Chair of the Review Board and Representatives from NHS Sussex
Committee Work Programme	To manage the committee's programme of work including matters relating to ongoing reviews, initial scoping reviews, future scrutiny topics, reference groups, training and development matters and reports for information.	Senior Scrutiny Adviser
26 June 2025		
Non-Emergency Patient Transport Service (NEPTS)	To receive an update report on the implementation and mobilisation of the new contract for Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services (NEPTS) in Sussex.	Representatives from NHS Sussex.
Access to Primary Care Services – GPs and Primary Care Network (PCN)	An update report on the working being undertaken to improve access to GP services and appointments in East Sussex, including Primary Care Network (PCN) performance and services provided.	Representatives from NHS Sussex.
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18 September 2025		
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11 December 2025		
NHS Sussex Winter Plan 2025/26	A report on the NHS Sussex Winter Plan 2024/25 and associated risks covering the preparations that are being made for the coming peak demand winter season.	Representatives from NHS Sussex, ESHT and other Trusts
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Items to be scheduled – dates TBC		
UHSx CQC report.	To receive an update report on University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust's (UHSx) response to the August 2023 CQC inspection report (with a particular focus on the actions being taken at Royal Sussex County Hospital on patient safety).	Representatives from UHSx
Hospital Discharge and Admission Prevention	To receive a report on the work being undertaken to improve hospital discharge including the models being elsewhere, and the work on virtual wards and other measures to prevent hospital admissions.	Representatives of ESHT and NHS Sussex.
Cardiology transformation Programme	An update report on the implementation of the ESHT Cardiology transformation Programme including the transport and access recommendations and measures made as part of the review of this transformation programme. Note: Timing is dependent on ESHT implementation timescales.	Representatives of ESHT and NHS Sussex.
Transition Services	A report on the work of East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) Transition Group for patients transitioning from Children's to Adult's services	Representatives of ESHT

Implementation of Kent and Medway Stroke review	To consider the implementation of the Hyper Acute Stroke Units (HASUs) in Kent and Medway and progress of rehabilitation services in the High Weald area.	Representatives of NHS Sussex/Kent and Medway ICS
	Note: Timing is dependent on NHS implementation process	
Adult Burns Service	A report outlining proposals for the future of Adult Burns Service provided by Queen Victoria Hospital (QVH) in East Grinsted. Note: provisional dependent on NHS England's plans	NHS England and QVH
Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)	A report on proposals for re-procurement of Sussex SARCs Note: provisional dependent on NHS England's plans	NHS England
Specialised Children's Cancer Services – Principal Treatment Centres (PTCs)	To receive an update report from NHS England, London and South East on implementation of the changes to the Specialised Children's Cancer Services – Principal Treatment Centre located in south London which serves East Sussex.	NHS England, London and South East
	Note: timing of the report will be dependent on the implementation of the changes which are not due until 2026 at the earliest.	