

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) – Work Programme

Current Scrutiny Reviews		
Title of Review	Detail	Proposed Completion Date
To be agreed.		

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: TBC
Reports for Information		
Subject Area	Detail	Proposed Date
To be agreed.		
Training and Development		
Title of Training/Briefing	Detail	Proposed Date
Visit to new Sussex Surgical Hub at Eastbourne District General Hospital	A visit to see the new minor surgical hub that has been built at Eastbourne District General Hospital.	TBC 2025
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 September 2025
Joint training for Health Scrutiny Members	Two training sessions for members of West Sussex, Brighton and Hove and East Sussex to provide a refresher on information and tools on how to approach Health scrutiny, particularly in the context to changes at ICB level.	22 October (online) and 7 November (in person)

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.	TBC
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Future Committee Agenda Items		Witnesses
18 September 2025		
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. Report to include an update on primary care (GP surgery) estates issues, especially in areas of housing growth, GP recruitment and the availability of being able to book online appointments.	Representatives from NHS Sussex.
HOSC Review of the Provision of Audiology Services in East Sussex.	To receive a response from NHS Sussex to the HOSC Review of Audiology Services and the recommendations contained in the report of the Review Board agreed at the HOSC meeting held on 6 March 2025	Representatives from NHS Sussex.
Paediatric Service Model at Eastbourne District General Hospital (EDGH)	To receive an update report on the changes made to Paediatric Service Model at EDGH after 18-20 months operation of the new model, to include an update on APNP staffing and the use of the former Scott Unit for paediatric services.	Representatives from ESHT
CYP Mental Health update	To receive an update report on mental health services for children and young people, including CAMHS, mental health in schools, and neurodevelopmental services.	Representatives from NHS Sussex and SPFT
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.	Policy and Scrutiny Adviser
11 December 2025		
NHS Sussex Winter Plan	To receive a report on the Winter Plan for 2025/26. The report to include an planning across the health system for East Sussex including services	Representatives from NHS Sussex, University Hospitals

	provided by ESHT, UHSx, MTW, SECamb and SPFT that provide services to East Sussex residents.	Sussex (UHSx), ESHT, SPFT MTW and SECamb.
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.	Policy and Scrutiny Adviser
5 March 2026		
SECamb CQC report	To receive a further update 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
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Items to be scheduled – dates TBC		
Uckfield day surgery	To receive a report from ESHT on the findings and outcomes of its pilot of non-complex day surgery cases that currently take place at Uckfield Community Hospital carried out at Eastbourne District General Hospital and Conquest Hospital. Timescales to be agreed but likely 2025.	Representatives from ESHT
Access to NHS Dentistry Services	To receive a further update report on the progress being made to improve access to NHS Dentistry services in East Sussex. <i>Note: Timescales subject to the timing of the publication of the Public Accounts Committee report on Fixing NHS Dentistry.</i>	Representatives from NHS Sussex
Ophthalmology Transformation Programme	To receive an update report on the implementation of the ESHT Ophthalmology Transformation Programme when more detail is known about the plans for implementing phase 3 of the Programme. <i>Timing is dependent on ESHT implementation timescales and to be agreed with ESHT.</i>	Representatives from ESHT and NHS Sussex.
East Sussex Healthcare Trust (ESHT) Capital Works Programme	To receive a report on the ESHT planned capital works programme detailing the infrastructure works that are going ahead and those that are being deferred at the Conquest, Eastbourne District General (EDGH) and Bexhill	Representatives from ESHT and NHS Sussex.

	Hospitals once the impact of the announcement on the New Hospitals Programme and any additional capital funding has been evaluated.	
University Hospitals Sussex (UHSx), General Surgery and Neurosurgery	To receive an assurance report on the provision and safety of current general surgery and neurosurgery at UHSx Hospitals and in particular the Royal Sussex County Hospital (RSCH). To be programmed in liaison with NHS colleagues.	Representatives from University Hospitals Sussex (UHSx)
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
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. <i>Note: Timing is dependent on ESHT implementation timescales.</i>	Representatives of ESHT and NHS Sussex.
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. <i>Note: Timing is dependent on NHS implementation process</i>	Representatives of NHS Sussex/Kent and Medway ICS
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. <i>Note: timing of the report will be dependent on the implementation of the changes which are not due until 2026 at the earliest.</i>	NHS England, London and South East