

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

Date of meeting: 18 September 2025

By: Deputy Chief Executive

Title: NHS Sussex update

Purpose: To receive an update from NHS Sussex about changes to the ICB and other key areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1) consider and comment on the verbal update NHS Sussex; and
 - 2) consider whether it would like to receive further updates or reports on any of the issues raised under this item.
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1. Background

1.1. On 26 June 2025 the HOSC considered, as part of its regular work programme item, a verbal update from NHS Sussex on structural changes to the ICB being made in response to the Government reducing ICB running costs. At that meeting it was confirmed that NHS Sussex will be merging with NHS Surrey Heartlands, to form one ICB covering two health and care systems.

1.2. Having considered the update, the Committee agreed to continue to receive regular verbal updates on any further changes to the ICB at its future meetings. The Committee also requested to receive regular updates from NHS Sussex outside of its meetings to ensure it remains sighted on progress where things are ongoing or developing in areas of interest. The first of these is being prepared by NHS Sussex and will be shared with the Committee in due course.

1.3. The Committee further agreed to defer full reports on the response to the HOSC Review of the Provision of Audiology Services in East Sussex, and Paediatric Service Model at Eastbourne District General Hospital, which had been scheduled for this meeting. A verbal update on audiology services will be provided at this meeting.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The HOSC is recommended to comment on the NHS Sussex update, and consider whether it would like to receive further updates or reports on any of the issues raised under this item.

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