

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
List of Suggested Potential Future Scrutiny Review Topics		
Suggested Topic	Detail	
To be agreed	Subject to the announcement of NHS service reconfigurations impacting on residents of East Sussex.	
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: 12 January 2026

Reports for Information		
Subject Area	Detail	Proposed Date
To be agreed.		
Training and Development		
Title of Training/Briefing	Detail	Proposed Date
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 2026
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

Future Committee Agenda Items		Witnesses
11 December 2025		
NHS Sussex Winter Plan	To receive a report on the Winter Plan for 2025/26. The report to include planning across the health system for East Sussex including services provided by ESHT, UHSx, MTW, SECamb and SPFT that provide services to East Sussex residents.	Representatives from NHS Sussex, University Hospitals Sussex (UHSx), ESHT, SPFT MTW and SECamb.
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 Hospitals once the impact of the announcement on the New Hospitals Programme and any additional capital funding has been evaluated.	Representatives from ESHT and NHS Sussex.
Cardiology transformation Programme	A progress report on the implementation of the ESHT Cardiology transformation Programme including the transport and access recommendations and measures made as part of the HOSC review of this transformation programme.	Representatives of ESHT and NHS Sussex.
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.	Representatives from ESHT
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 final 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

Paediatric Service Model at Eastbourne District General Hospital (EDGH)	To receive a progress 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
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, and an update on the mobilisation of the over-55s hearing aid contract for Sussex.	Representatives from NHS Sussex.
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25 June 2026		
Winter Plan 2025/26 update	To receive an update report on the Winter Plan for 2025/26 to review how the Plan was implemented this year and to highlight any learning or other issues to be taken forward into the next Plan or actioned separately.	Representatives from NHS Sussex, University Hospitals Sussex (UHSx), ESHT 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
17 September 2026		
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
Items to be scheduled – dates TBC		
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.	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.
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
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