

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

Date: **24 March 2016**

By: **Assistant Chief Executive**

Title: **Co-commissioning of GP Services**

Purpose: **To update the HOSC on East Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) arrangements for co-commissioning GP services**

RECOMMENDATIONS

HOSC is recommended to consider and comment on the East Sussex CCG arrangements for co-commissioning GP services.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Health & Social Care Act (2012) changed commissioning arrangements for GP practices. Formerly the responsibility of local Primary Care Trusts (PCTs), primary care commissioning was transferred to NHS England (NHSE) Area Teams from April 2013.
- 1.2 In November 2014, the Department of Health introduced a co-commissioning initiative. This offered CCGs the opportunity to work with NHSE Area Teams to 'co-commission' GP services.
- 1.3 In East Sussex, Eastbourne, Hailsham & Seaford CCG and High Weald Lewes Havens CCG both opted to be early adopters of co-commissioning. Hastings & Rother CCG chose not to engage in the initiative at an early stage, but will begin co-commissioning from April 2016.
- 1.4 Information on co-commissioning at Eastbourne, Hailsham & Seaford CCG and at Hastings & Rother CCG is included as **Appendix 1** to this report. Information on co-commissioning at High Weald Lewes Havens CCG is included as **Appendix 2**.

2. Conclusion and recommendation

- 2.1 HOSC members are asked to consider and comment on the update on co-commissioning of GP services.

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