



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE EAST SUSSEX BETTER TOGETHER (ESBT) STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING BOARD

1 Governance

Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford Clinical Commissioning Group (EHS CCG), Hastings and Rother Clinical Commissioning Group (HR CCG), and East Sussex County Council (ESCC) have established committees in common known as the 'Strategic Commissioning Board'. The Strategic Commissioning Board is established pursuant to the NHS Bodies and Local Authorities Partnership Arrangements Regulations 2000 and all other enabling powers.

The Strategic Commissioning Board has the powers specifically delegated in these terms of reference.

2 Purpose

The Strategic Commissioning Board will jointly undertake responsibilities for addressing population health need and for commissioning health and social care, through oversight of the ESBT Integrated Finance and Investment Plan (IFIP)¹ and the plan and budget of the Integrated Commissioning Fund, and any other responsibilities agreed by the sovereign statutory commissioning bodies to oversee the effective delivery of outcomes by the ESBT Alliance (to be determined).

3 Responsibilities

The Strategic Commissioning Board will:

- Ensure alignment in our understanding of the health and care needs of the population covered by the ESBT footprint
- Set the outcomes to be delivered by the ESBT Alliance to meet the needs of the population, reflecting national policy where this is appropriate
- Ensure that local people are engaged in discussions to understand local needs and the outcomes to be delivered, so that they are informed by local insight

¹ An ESBT Alliance Integrated Finance and Investment Plan (IFIP), covering a minimum period of one financial year will be approved at least once a year. This will cover all budgets within the ESBT Alliance including that of the ESBT Integrated Commissioning Fund. The IFIP therefore represents the financial plan for the Fund, and will have clear aspects relating to the Integrated Commissioning Fund.

- Set the direction of the investment patterns and oversee the implementation of the ESBT IFIP and the plan and budget of the Integrated Commissioning Fund
- Review recommendations from the ESBT Alliance Governing Board with regard to the ongoing development of the ESBT IFIP, the plan and budget of the Integrated Commissioning Fund, and the investment profile in order to meet population health needs and deliver outcomes
- Monitor and evaluate the meeting of needs and the delivery of outcomes.

4 Authority

The Strategic Commissioning Board is authorised by the sovereign bodies of EHS CCG, HR CCG and ESCC to jointly undertake activities, and recommend decisions to Governing Bodies and Cabinet, relating to oversight of the ESBT IFIP and the plan and budget of the Integrated Commissioning Fund.

It is recognised that EHS and HR CCGs and ESCC will continue to have their own regulatory and statutory responsibilities. The Strategic Commissioning Board enables the sovereign organisations to undertake and align strategic commissioning activities within the current legislative framework to set outcomes and direction for the IFIP and the plan and budget of the Integrated Commissioning Fund jointly, and monitor delivery of outcomes by the ESBT Alliance jointly, whilst still operating as sovereign organisations as the regulatory framework requires.

5 Membership

Members of the Strategic Commissioning Board will be Elected Members of ESCC and GP and Lay Members of EHS and HR CCG Governing Bodies and this will be maintained at all times. Each member of the Strategic Commissioning Board will be entitled to vote. Following consultation with other Board members any organisation can remove or replace their respective Strategic Commissioning Board Members at any time by notice in writing to the other partners.

The Chair of the Strategic Commissioning Board will rotate between the CCGs and ESCC and will not have a casting vote. The proposed members of the Strategic Commissioning Board will be 4 members appointed by the CCGs and 4 members appointed by ESCC.

The CCGs' Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer, and ESCC Director of Adult Social Care and Health, Director of Children's Services, Director of Public Health and Head of Finance (Adult Social Care and Health)/Chief Finance Officer or their substitutes will attend in an advisory capacity.

6 Meeting proceedings and quorum

Wherever possible decision-making will be discussion driven to arrive at a 'best for the whole system' consensus in accordance with principles set out in the ESBT Alliance Agreement. In the event that a vote is needed, each individual Strategic Commissioning Board member is entitled to one vote

A quorum shall be 3 members appointed by the CCG and 3 members appointed by ESCC.

7 Attendance

Where a Member cannot attend a meeting of the Strategic Commissioning Board then they may send a substitute who will have full voting rights. All matters will be decided by a majority of those members present and voting.

8 Reporting

The Strategic Commissioning Board will report to each of the sovereign organisations as required by that organisation.

An annual report will be provided to the East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board on the IFIP commissioning strategy and outcomes delivered, with updates provided as required.

9 Administration

ESCC Member Services will provide secretarial support to the Strategic Commissioning Board.

10 Frequency

Meetings will be held every three months. Meetings will be held in public in accordance with the rules adopted by the Board.

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