

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

Date of meeting: 10 September 2020

By: Assistant Chief Executive

Title: NHS Response to Covid-19 in East Sussex

Purpose: To consider the NHS response to Covid-19 in East Sussex and the ongoing impact on NHS services for East Sussex residents

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the report

1. Background

1.1. The outbreak of Covid-19 earlier in the year led to many drastic changes to the health service across the country in order to contain and respond to the spread of the virus.

1.2. The HOSC is keen to understand how Covid-19 affected the NHS services in East Sussex and the ongoing impact on health services for the county's residents, particularly as the system plans for the normal increase in demand during the winter period.

1.3. The report from East Sussex CCG, attached as appendix 1, contains a summary of the NHS response to Covid-19 in East Sussex, it includes:

- The impact of Covid-19 on the East Sussex population
- How the NHS has worked together to manage its response
- How critical NHS services have remained in place and will be fully restored effectively
- The implications for inequalities and how they are addressed as part of the NHS recovery plans
- Progress on the winter plan and how it will reflect current Covid-19 planning scenarios; and
- The financial implications for the NHS.

2. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

2.1 HOSC is recommended to consider and comment on the report.

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