

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

Date of meeting: 10 June 2021

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 in early 2020 led to unprecedented pressure on the NHS and the implementation of many urgent changes to health services across the country in order to contain and respond to the spread of the virus. With the roll out of the vaccine to over half the adult population and significantly reduced numbers of Covid-related hospital admissions, attention in the NHS has begun to turn to the restoration and recovery of planned care services that were significantly disrupted during the pandemic.

1.2. HOSC has considered updates on the NHS response to Covid-19 over its past few meetings in order to scrutinise the ongoing work in relation to the pandemic, and the wider impact on NHS services.

2. Supporting information

2.1. HOSC considered a report on the initial NHS response to Covid-19 at its meeting on 10 September 2020. The report set out the impact of the virus on residents in East Sussex and the healthcare system, and the local NHS response. Since that time the HOSC has received two further updates on the local NHS response to the pandemic in December 2020 and March 2021. The Committee requested a further update for consideration at this meeting, to include reference to the restoration and recovery of cancer services and how the NHS is helping more vulnerable groups to receive the Covid-19 vaccine

2.2. The report from NHS East Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), attached as **Appendix 1**, contains a summary of the latest developments regarding the NHS response to Covid-19 in East Sussex and includes:

- A summary of COVID-19 impact in East Sussex
- NHS response to the COVID-19 pandemic in East Sussex
- COVID-19 vaccination programme
- An update on restoration of services

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1. HOSC is recommended to consider and comment on the report, including identifying any areas for further scrutiny.

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