

Sustainability and Transformation Plans - updates

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Committee has asked for a further update from the three Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs) footprints that cover parts of Essex.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider this report and identify any issues arising and follow-up scrutiny work.

3. Background

- 3.1 The HOSC has a high-level governance and strategic oversight role as part of monitoring and challenging the three STPs that have footprints covering parts of Essex. However, detailed scrutiny of proposals and the public engagement process has been led by Joint HOSC's established in two of the areas.
- 3.2 Joint HOSCs have been established with Southend and Thurrock (to oversee the detail of the proposals and public consultation process for the Mid and South Essex STP) and with Suffolk (to oversee the detail of proposals and public consultation process for the Suffolk and North East Essex STP).

The Joint HOSC with Southend and Thurrock met a number of times as part of scrutinising the formal proposals for Mid and South Essex and the public consultation process undertaken. After endorsement from the Secretary of State (as a result of referrals being made by Southend and Thurrock Councils) the proposals are now being implemented. The JHOSC has not met since 2018 and there are currently no plans for it to be re-instigated. Here is a link to [JHOSC meeting papers](#).

The Joint HOSC with Suffolk has also met a number of times and continues scrutiny of proposals developing for that STP footprint. Here is a link to [JHOSC meeting papers](#)

There is no joint working arrangement with Hertfordshire HOSC at present. To date there has been no public consultation on any formal service changes as a result of STP proposals in that STP footprint.

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The last time the Essex HOSC held a strategic session with all three STP footprints represented was in June 2018 and a link to the minutes of that discussion is here - [HOSC minutes 6 June 2018](#) – one of the HOSC's main conclusions that day was to encourage and seek evidence of greater partnership working and information sharing across the footprints.

4. Update and Next Steps

The HOSC Chairman and Lead Members have asked the STPs to provide a status update and specifically to respond to the following advance questions:

- (i) Do you have any unique local challenges and circumstances that have had to be specifically addressed in your latest updated plan? With How are you targeting health inequalities in your area?
- (ii) To what extent can you ensure a pan-Essex approach is maintained in commissioning and delivery of services (as part of ensuring consistency of quality of service)?
- (iii) How have you addressed improving support for Children and Early Years (and school readiness) in your updated plan? What challenges do you see here in your area?
- (iv) Please provide examples of where you have worked together with adjoining Essex footprints both in sharing learning but also in developing joint approaches and strategies.
- (v) How will you assess the success of your plan? How will you evaluate impact and on what timescale?
- (vi) How far have you progressed with shared care records and what further steps need to be taken to establish these not only across all health sectors but also comprehensively across social care? Are there issues preventing any of this at present?

5. List of Appendices

Updates from each of the three STP footprints have been requested and are attached as Appendices 1-3 overleaf in the following alphabetical order:

- (i) Hertfordshire and West Essex STP
- (ii) Mid and South Essex STP
- (iii) Suffolk and North East Essex STP.