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Committee People and Families Policy and Scrutiny

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TASK AND FINISH GROUP – HIP FRACTURES AND FALLS PREVENTION

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Recommendation:

- (i) To endorse actions taken to establish a joint Task & Finish Group with the Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee to look at issues in connection with the rate of hip fractures in Essex;
- (ii) To approve the proposed membership; and
- (iii) That the Task & Finish Group report back to the committee after it has completing scoping so that the intended focus of the review can be endorsed.

Background:

During the summer both the Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) and the People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee (PAF) received a briefing from Councillor Spence, the Cabinet Member for Health on some of the key issues and challenges in health and social care.

At the request of members a 'follow-up' briefing on hip fractures and falls prevention was provided for both committees in a joint session held on 14 September. Thereafter it was agreed that a Task and Finish Group should be established to look at aspects around the incidence of hip fractures in Essex, firstly scoping a proposed review for both committees to endorse before the review commences.

Membership

The following members have offered to serve on the Task and Finish Group:

Councillor Jo Beavis (HOSC member)

Councillor Dave Harris (HOSC member)

Councillor June Lumley (PAF member)

Councillor Neil Pudney, Maldon District Council (HOSC co-opted member)

Councillor Pat Reid (PAF member)

Councillor Clive Souter (PAF member)

Councillor Lesley Wagland (PAF member)

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Involvement of other ECC members

The Scrutiny Board has agreed that all ECC members should be invited to contribute to any future reviews by Task and Finish Groups. The expectation is that this will usually be as a witness or helping in identifying witnesses. In exceptional circumstances it may involve being co-opted onto the Task and Finish Group but membership priority will be given to the members of the committee(s) actually setting up the Task and Finish Group.

Terms of Reference

At the time of writing this report, the Task and Finish Group had not yet met to scope the review but members of the group will be able to update the meeting on the current position.

Timetable for completion

A proposed scope and focus of the review should be presented to both the HOSC and PAF for endorsement. Thereafter, the Scrutiny Board expects Task and Finish Group reviews, once commenced, to be completed within three months.