

Essex Health and Wellbeing Board	<b>HWB/015/13</b>
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## **HEADING – Overview of the Urgent Care Plans for each Clinical Commissioning Group**

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The format for the information to be covered in a report is set out below.

Purpose of report and Decision Areas and Recommendations	<p>This short report provides an overview of the Urgent Care Plans being developed by each of the Clinical Commissioning Groups in Essex. After a very difficult winter in 2012/13, the NHS has required all Clinical Commissioning Groups to put in place urgent care plans. The purpose of the plan is to ensure the delivery of a safe urgent care system for 2013/14 and to ensure the delivery of the 4 hour waiting time target within Accident &amp; Emergency Departments. This is a key measure both of specific patient quality for treatment within A&amp;E departments, but also as an indicator of the broader health of the health and social care urgent care system. Urgent Care Plans will be signed off by CCG Boards in September and October of this year.</p> <p>Each Urgent Care Plan is required:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To ensure there is sufficient capacity to meet urgent care demand over the coming winter and to deal with any surges in demand</li> <li>2) To ensure resilience is improving in Primary Care and admission avoidance arrangements within each CCG</li> <li>3) To ensure preventative actions are taken, including uptake to flu immunisation</li> <li>4) To ensure wider working with the Health and Social Care system for greater integrated working and improved discharge arrangements from hospitals.</li> <li>5) To ensure each hospital has a clear operational and staffing plan</li> </ol>
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	<p><b>Recommendations:-</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Health and Wellbeing Board was asked to note the update with this overview of the Urgent Care Plan development,</li> <li>2) To note the establishment of Urgent Care Boards in each CCG, which senior officers of the County Council attend,</li> <li>3) To seek from Clinical Commissioning Groups and Social Care colleagues evidence and update on delivery of the A&amp;E target and urgent care resilience over this coming winter and for this to be reflected in the development of integrated plans for 2014/15.</li> <li>4) To note the decisions made by the Department of Health in respect of allocation of winter monies for this year and receipt of winter monies by the West Essex, Mid Essex and Basildon &amp; Brentwood Health systems.</li> </ol>
Background and papers	Letter and attachment from Barbara Hakin, NHS England setting out requirements for each Health & Social Care system and CCG to develop their Urgent Care Plan.
Equality and Diversity	There are no specific proposals under Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment. The Urgent Care Plan is written to ensure that the most vulnerable members of society receive adequate urgent care and each Urgent Care Plan has a full risk assessment. These will be contained in the final document.