

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SOUTH AREA FORUM NHS SE ESSEX
STRATEGIC PLAN SCRUTINY PANEL HELD AT COUNTY HALL, CHELMSFORD
ON 23 August 2010 AT 1.00 PM

* Mrs E Hart (Chairman)	* C Riley
* J Burridge	* B Robin
* G Butland	Mrs K Twitchen
* A Crystall	* M Velmurugan
* R Howard	* Ms P Weaver
* M Maddocks	
* Present	

Officers in attendance were:

Sallyanne Thallon	-	Area Co-ordinator
Matthew Waldie	-	Committee Officer

8. Apologies and Substitution Notices

Apologies were received from County Councillor Twitchen.

The Chairman welcomed John Burridge, Town Clerk, Canvey Island Town Council, as representative for Castle Point.

9. Declarations of Interest

The following declaration of interest was made:

Councillor Weaver	Member of Patient Participation Group – William Harvey Surgery
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9. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the 30 July meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

10. Communications Strategy

Members noted the Communications Strategy document NHSSP/01/10, as circulated.

The overall approach outlined in the document was approved and a few comments were made by members, drawing attention to likely issues.

It was suggested that the views of GPs themselves should be sought, particularly as their priorities might be different to those of the Plan. It was also likely that different GPs practices would hold divergent views on how to move forward, so the Panel would need to be careful to ensure a range of views.

From the hospital side, consultants constituted another group that might have strong views, as services transfer into the community.

The Practice Based Commissioning consortia formed another group likely to be affected.

In all, this scrutiny must focus on the four targeted aspects of the plan, rather than the plan itself, but it was acknowledged that the overall structure would have to be factored into the findings.

11. Response from PCT

Members noted the response from Andrew Pike, Chief Executive, NHS South East Essex, as circulated.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that Andrew Pike should be invited to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Panel, to respond to members' questions on the response and on the Report itself.

Committee Officer to circulate copies of the full Report to all members.

12. Dates of next meetings

Andrew Pike to be invited to the next Panel meeting - date to be arranged.

Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 November – Provisional days for witness sessions.

The meeting closed at 1.45 pm.

Chairman