

**Minutes of the meeting of the Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee,
held in County Hall, Chelmsford on Thursday 3 March 2022 at 10:30am**

Present

Cllr Jeff Henry (Chairman)	Cllr Bob Massey
Cllr Paul Gadd	Cllr Anthony McQuiggan
Cllr Ian Grundy (substitute)	Cllr Lynda McWilliams (Co-opted)
Cllr Dave Harris (Vice-Chairman)	Sharon Westfield-de-Cortez (Healthwatch)

Apologies

Cllr David Carter (Co-opted)	Cllr Jaymey McIvor
Cllr Luke Mackenzie	Cllr Clive Souter (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Carlie Mayes (Co-opted)	

Remote Attendees

Cllr June Lumley	Cllr Mike Steptoe
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The following officers were supporting the meeting:

- Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager
- Jasmine Carswell, Democratic Services Officer.

1. Membership, apologies and declarations

Apologies were received from Cllr Carter, Cllr Mackenzie, Cllr Mayes, Cllr McIvor and Cllr Souter.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 March 2022 were approved by the Committee as an accurate record.

3. Questions from the public

No questions from members of the public were received.

4. Maternity Services – ESNEFT

The Chairman welcomed Rosalyn Bullen-Bell, Director of Midwifery at ESNEFT to the meeting.

- CQC inspected undertaken in March 2021 and have undertaken a robust programme to improve their services since then
- No immediate actions in to the inspection that needed to be undertaken immediately

- Three new consultants have been recruited across both sites, starting in April 2022
- International recruitment has been successful – 17 new midwives starting
- Key aspect is recruitment and retention. A Recruitment and Retention midwife will work with the new recruits to support their adjustment to working in the UK
- 23 newly qualified midwives are starting within ESNEFT
- 7 immediate actions were required from ESNEFT, and were asked to provide assurance and reassurance to show they are reviewing their services at regular intervals
- There are 10 safety actions that ESNEFT are required to look at and provide suitable evidence
- Have made great progress with the CQC action plan
- Reviewed whole governance structure, a new Governance Lead is in post now
- Cultural work with an external body to look at medical workforce and across all areas
- Currently on maternity safety programme – expected to satisfy CQC in four months' time
- International recruitment was just one of the Trust's recruitment drives, there are others such as internal recruitment
- Barriers to recruitment are still being looked into

After discussion, it was **Resolved** that:

- i) The Committee requested a further be presented to them in six months' time

5. Chairman's Report

The Committee noted the information update within the Chairman's report.

Cllr Henry informed the Committee that Healthwatch Essex will be invited to future Chairman's Forum meetings.

6. Member Updates

The following updates were provided to the Committee:

Cllr Harris raised a concern around the lack of movement with regard the Joint HOSC with Suffolk County Council and confirmed he had contacted the ECC officer supporting this committee for an update.

7. Work Programme

The Committee noted the current work programme.

Members expressed a wish to receive a briefing on the current situation with regard GP provision across Essex.

It was requested whether it would be possible for each Member to be provided with a list of Section 106 monies currently being held in their divisions. Advice

was given that this information is best requested from the relevant district/city/borough Council planning department.

Further update on maternity services at ESNEFT to be provided in October 2022.

8. Date of next meeting

To note that the next committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 7 April 2022 at 10:30am.

9. Urgent business

No urgent business received.

10. Urgent exempt business

No urgent exempt business received.

The meeting closed at 11:11am.

Chairman