

Report title: Chairman's Report	
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County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This is the latest update reporting on discussions at HOSC Chairman's Forum meetings (Chairman, Vice Chairmen and Lead JHOSC Member).

2. Action required

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

3. Background

- 3.1 The Forum usually meets monthly in between scheduled Committee meetings to discuss work planning. In addition, there are also meetings with the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care on a bi-monthly basis and quarterly meetings with senior officers.

4. Update and Next Steps

- 4.1 Please find update below covering the period since the last HOSC meeting on 7 March 2024.

Transfer North-East Essex Community Services

We have been notified of a small subcontract change taking place in the North-East Essex Community Services division at East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust. HOSC is being informed as the transfer will be to a non-NHS provider.

From 2 April 2024, the North-East Essex Community Services community nursing night service will be provided by St. Helena Hospice instead of ESNEFT. This community service includes support for blocked catheters and end of life care.

Both ESNEFT and St Helena Hospice have been delivering for some time and this transition will help to reduce duplication of care. The three nursing roles will transition from ESNEFT to the St Helena Hospice team. This will mean that there is one contact point and one team for patients which will improve access to night services.

Management teams are working together to ensure that the transfer happens smoothly, and patients will not see any change to how they are treated.

The transfer is taking place under Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) known as TUPE regulations. TUPE ensures that no staff will be made redundant because of this transfer, and their terms and conditions of employment will remain.

Public consultation on community-based health services

We have received notification from the Mid and South Essex ICS that they are planning to extend the public consultation on community-based health services. The consultation will now conclude on 4 April 2024 instead of 21 March 2024.

Members will note that we have set up a joint HOSC with Southend in relation to this and we are currently clarifying whether the proposed meeting dates are affected by this change.

5. List of Appendices - none