

**Minutes of the meeting of the Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee,  
held virtually via video conference on Wednesday 29 July 2020 at 10:30am**

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**Present**

Cllr Jillian Reeves (Chairman)	Cllr Alan Goggin (Substitute)
Cllr Jenny Chandler	Cllr Dave Harris
Cllr Mark Durham (Substitute)	Cllr June Lumley
Cllr Tony Edwards (Co-opted Member)	Cllr Bob Massey
Cllr Beverley Egan	Cllr Clive Souter
Cllr Ricki Gadsby	Cllr Mark Stephenson

Samantha Glover (Healthwatch Essex)

**Apologies**

Cllr Anne Brown	Cllr June Lumley
Cllr Michael Helm (Co-opted Member)	Cllr Mike Steptoe

**Other Members**

Cllr John Baker

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The following officers were supporting the meeting:

Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager

Graham Hughes, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Sophie Campion, Democratic Services Officer

**1. Membership, apologies and declarations**

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr Anne Brown (substituted by Cllr Alan Goggin)
- Cllr Michael Helm (Co-opted Member)
- Cllr June Lumley
- Cllr Mike Steptoe (substituted by Cllr Mark Durham)

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 May 2020 were approved by the committee as an accurate record.

**3. Questions from the public**

No questions from members of the public were received.

**4. Personal behaviours arising from the pandemic**

The committee considered report HOPSC/16/20 comprising of a report which starts the committee's review of the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on local health services. It would involve looking at any changes to personal behaviours that are evident, such as changing trends in substance abuse, and mental health presentations.

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

- (i) A more detailed focus on mental health services and look into how the Trusts are going to manage it. This will be broken down into the following categories:

- Adult Mental Health (EPUT)
- Children's Mental Health (NELFT)
- IAPT and talking therapies (CCG's)

The committee agreed the following scope:

- Overview of the response to the pandemic
- Future planning for changes in demand
- Effect on staffing capacity – high levels of sickness, a likely second peak
- A breakdown between mental health conditions

- (ii) The committee invited Dr Mike Gogarty, Director of Public Health to a future meeting to provide a further update on personal behaviours, either at the September or October meeting.

## **5. North East Essex CCG – Care Closer to Home contract update**

The committee considered report HOPSC/17/20 comprising of an update from the North East Essex CCG (NEECCG), following their notice given to terminate their Care Closer to Home contract with Anglian Community Enterprise (ACE).

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

- (i) The committee would like reassurances around who will providing the services delivered by ACE, including urgent services and how they will be delivered.
- (ii) A report be presented to the committee early next year to provide an update on the mobilisation phase in February 2021.
- (iii) The NEECCG be invited to a future committee meeting to provide reassurance and information on the transition process to the new provider.

## **6. Chairman's Report**

The committee considered and noted report HOPSC/18/20.

## **7. Member Updates**

The committee considered and noted report HOPSC/19/20.

**8. Work Programme**

The committee considered report HOPSC/20/20 the current work programme was noted by the committee.

**9. Date of next meeting**

To note that the next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 23 September 2020 at 10:30am.

**10. Urgent business**

No urgent business was received.

**11. Urgent exempt business**

No urgent exempt business was received.

Cllr Andy Wood left meeting at 11:51am, Cllr Alan Goggin left meeting at 12:22pm, Cllr Mark Durham left the meeting at 12:56pm and Cllr Tony Edwards left the meeting at 1:00pm.

The meeting closed at 1:10pm.

**Chairman**