

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. The Forum met virtually on 15 June 2020 and the main issues discussed were:

Considered timings for re-commencing proactive work programme items.

Agreed main agenda items for HOSC meeting on 29 July 2020, namely

- (i) *the* impact of Covid on personal behaviours (i.e. substance abuse, self-harm, mental health); it's consequences; and how Public Health messaging and activity has changed/will need to change.
- (ii) Written update to be sought from NE CCG re: termination of ACE contract - the item to be an opportunity for members to discuss the written update and decide if they wish to schedule further work on it.

Agreed that the above Public Health item was likely to then have some links into September and October HOSC meetings looking at how the mental health

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trusts were planning to respond to greater demand arising out of Covid, and Emergency Care Seasonal pressures and winter planning (sessions tbc).

4.2 The Forum met virtually on 29 May 2020 and the main issue discussed was:

Representation received from Anglian Community Enterprise (ACE) relating to the anticipated termination of their Care Closer to Home Contract with NE Essex CCG was considered.

Agreed approach:

No involvement in actual decision to be taken

Await confirmation of any formal decision being taken next week by the CCG Board and would then expect to have conversations with commissioners about maintaining continuity and quality of services going forward. ACE to be advised of this approach.

5. List of Appendices

None