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Committee Health Overview and Scrutiny

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GENERAL UPDATE

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This report is in two parts – Part 1 provides general local health issues and items of interest. Part 2 relates to variations and changes to services that the HOSC has been notified of, usually relating to primary care.

Recommendation: To note the updates in Part 1 and Part 2 below:

(i) LOCAL HEALTH NEWS

Mid and South Essex Success Regime

On 23 January the Mid and South Essex Success Regime published two independent clinical reviews of their emerging plans to reconfigure the three main hospitals in Basildon, Chelmsford and Southend. The reports were prepared by the East of England Clinical Senate following detailed reviews which took place in June and October 2016. The Clinical Senate's final report of October 2016 supports the principle of having a designated specialist emergency hospital for more challenging and complex emergency work. It also supports the principle of having a centre of excellence for planned care. The review panel also felt that the potential hospital changes could be "*bolder with greater potential benefits if there was less focus on continuing to provide virtually all current services on all three sites.*" However, the review panel urged caution around the pace of change recommending that quality and safety of services is paramount and the need for long-term sustainable services should take priority over speed. Next steps in February and March will narrow down the hospital reconfiguration possibilities to one or two preferred options that will then be the basis for a detailed business case to be reviewed by national bodies before public consultation later in 2017

Health bodies - Public meetings 2017

A list of forthcoming meeting dates for CCGs, Acute Trusts and Essex Mental Health Services is attached for your information (**Appendix 1**). If members attend any of these meetings can they please feed-back to the HOSC any significant or topical issues that may be of interest to the wider committee membership.

Local Clinical Commissioning Groups – news

Web addresses

<http://www.basildonandbrentwoodccg.nhs.uk/news>

<http://castlepointandrochfordccg.nhs.uk/news-a-events>

<http://www.midsexccg.nhs.uk/news-events>

<http://www.neessexccg.nhs.uk/News%20and%20Events/News/Current%20News.html>

<http://www.westsexccg.nhs.uk/news>

Southend CCG

Melanie Craig is leaving her role as Chief Officer of NHS Southend CCG to take up a new role as Accountable Officer at NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG. Melanie leaves the CCG on 2 February and Ian Stidston has been appointed joint Accountable Officer for both Southend CCG and Castle Point & Rochford CCG for the next six months. He will start this new joint role on 6 February and will manage both CCGs until permanent arrangements have been confirmed for Southend.

(ii) SERVICE CHANGES AND VARIATIONS (including consultations)

Primary care

A proposal to close one of the two Swanwood Partnership sites in Wickford is awaiting further patient engagement. The partnership currently delivers services from two sites which are 0.5 miles apart and the proposal under consideration is to close one site and consolidate services for the current registered patient lists for both sites at just one site in future