

Minutes of the meeting of the Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee held in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH at 10:30am on Wednesday 15 January 2020

County Councillors Present:

Councillor Reeves (Chairman)	Councillor Harris
Councillor Egan (Vice-Chairman)	Councillor Brown
Councillor Chandler	Councillor Massey
Councillor McEwen	Councillor Moran
Councillor Gadsby	Councillor Baker
Councillor Stephenson	

Non-Voting Co-opted Members:

Councillor Edwards (Harlow Council)

Graham Hughes - Senior Democratic Services Officer

Andrew Seaman – Democratic Services Officer

Hannah Fletcher from Essex Health Watch was also in attendance.

The meeting started at 10:37

1. Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

Apologies had been received from Councillors Lumley, Helm, and Wood

The following Councillors declared an interest:

- (i) Councillor Egan – Code interest. Her cousin is Managing Director of Basildon and Thurrock University Hospital Trust – however, she believed that this did not prejudice her consideration of the public interest and that she was able to speak and vote on the matters on the agenda. Councillor Egan also declared a code interest as a representative on Rochford and Castlepoint CCG, similarly she did not believe this impacted on her participation at the meeting.

2. Minutes

Cllr Edwards requested the change, in item 4 paragraph 2 with the alterations: inserting “amongst” as well as mentioning Harlow as a deprived area also.

It was then agreed for these changes to be made. The Minutes of the meeting of the Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee (HOPSC) held on 6 November 2019 were then approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3. Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public.

4. Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships - Updates

The Committee considered report **HOPSC/01/20**. The following representatives joined the meeting and at the invitation of the Chairman, introduced the item.

From Hertfordshire and West Essex STP: Harper Brown – Director of Strategy and Andrew Geldard -Chief Officer; from Mid & South Essex STP: Jo Cripps – Programme Director and from Suffolk & North Essex STP: Susannah Howard – ICS Programme Director and Sharon Rodie – West Suffolk CCG.

An overview of the updates provided in the report that was provided by each STP. The following points were highlighted and/or acknowledged:

Hertfordshire and West Essex STP:

- (i) A new strategic system was being implemented to serve across the STP which involved the introduction of including District Councils.
- (ii) They had looked where there was low uptake for breast scanning appointments, the focus should be why people were not attending screenings. Certain ethnic minorities and disadvantaged groups were of low uptake. There was an increase collaboration with cancer alliances.
- (iii) There had been large engagement exercises over specific things such as gluten free food, working closely with Health Watch and working with local authorities and voluntary groups.
- (iv) There was better integration locally in West Essex which had put them in a good working position. However there remained a strain on some relationships, structures and boundaries in both health and social care.
- (v) The STP had been working with the British Legion and voluntary sectors to support veterans. People were recording themselves as veterans, however, it was not being used by services.
- (vi) Sharing information agreements were in place. It was noted that GDPR was a framework as opposed to a barrier when it comes to sharing information.

Mid and South Essex STP:

- (vii) A new independent chair had been appointed, making a good opportunity to rebrand. The 3 acute hospitals within the STP area would be merging as of the 1st of April. A plan had been submitted to NHS England and would be published shortly. The plan included a focus on healthy starts and mental health as well as an improvement in health inequalities.
- (viii) As with the other STP area they were looking to appoint a single accountable officer for the Mid & South Essex STP, this would look to reduce fragmentation from within the STP.
- (ix) There was a focus to reduce waiting times and to increase screening uptake for cancer patients. Early rapid diagnostic centres were being developed.
- (x) The benefits of primary care networks were still to be seen and so there was hesitance to overload the system.

Suffolk & North East Essex STP:

- (xi) It was noted that Suffolk & North East Essex was now considered an Integrated Care System (ICS)
- (xii) They had improved governance through the introduction of an integrated Chair, a single accountable officer and a single management structure within the ICS.
- (xiii) An advance programme on population health management had been developed to use data collected more efficiently and to be used across the ICS.
- (xiv) The ICS were looking to work with Health Watch in order to maintain and improve engagement. This included introducing engagement focused roles managed by Health Watch as this would ensure independence. Co-production was something that would be encouraged as well as improving information sharing which was highlighted as a challenge. .

Common issues across all STPs

- (xv) Expanding integrated care records was being worked on across all the STP areas.
- (xvi) It was noted that there was a lower than average take up of immunisation for children in 2017/18 within the STPs and the HOPSC was reassured that actions were being taken after the latest Ofsted inspection.
- (xvii) They had a key focus on improving health inequalities and deprivation within their area.

- (xviii) Sharing the learning from Low level localised schemes across other footprints needed to be improved. The success of the Great Bentley Mental Health Hub was cited by Members as a good example that had not been shared.

Conclusion:

The Chairman thanked the representatives for attending who then left the meeting.

Adjourned – 12:48 Restarted – 12:55

5. Chairman's Report

The report (**HOPSC/02/20**) was noted.

6. Member Updates

The report (**HOPSC/03/20**) was noted.

A paper from the senior democratic services officer proposing updated membership for the joint HOSC for Suffolk was considered. It was agreed:

- To continue to dispense with observing political proportionality.
- That the HOSC's representatives on the Joint HOSC with Suffolk be Councillors: Brown, Harris, Wood and Erskine. Councillor Baker and Stephenson to be substitutes.

7. Work Programme

The committee noted and considered report (**HOPSC/04/20**).

8. Date of next meeting

The committee noted that the next committee activity day was scheduled for 09:30 on Wednesday 5 February 2020.

9. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

The meeting ended at 13:05

Chairman