

Essex Health Overview, Policy and Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme as at 29 April 2019

Date	Theme	Topic	Focus	Approach and Next steps (full committee unless indicated otherwise)
Ongoing	Quality and Transformation of Services	Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships	Follow up previous HOSC strategic sessions with all three footprints. Seek evidence of joint working across footprints. Development of Integrated Care Systems.	Joint HOSCs in two footprints continue to look at the detail of proposed service changes. Essex HOSC has high level governance and strategic oversight role. NHS England to be invited to detail how they maintain oversight and direction of STPs
22 May 2019	Capacity and financial sustainability	Recruitment and retention in the local health economy – <i>further follow up</i>	Initial session in January 2019 on the scale of the vacancies and challenges, second session further broke down vacancies by sector, type of provider, and type of job designation.	CCGs to detail commissioning issues that influence staffing levels. Matter Arising – further info on primary care recruitment from Health Education England.
22 May 2019	Community healthcare (prevention and early intervention)	North East Essex CCG – care navigation in primary care -	ACE run GP surgeries - follow-up	Further written update - to be discussed
22 May 2019	Community healthcare (prevention and early intervention)	North East Essex CCG – community beds re-organisation	To review the commissioned independent report on the public consultation feedback on proposed changes to community beds.	Written update to be discussed
12 June 2019	Quality and Transformation of Services/Community healthcare (prevention and early intervention)	Primary Care – <i>follow up</i>	Contribution to wider system and the STP plans.	Introductory session in October 2018. Now review more detailed locality changes arising from finalised CCG plans and impact of NHSE Long Term Plan. Commissioner/CCG representation.
24 July 2019	Capacity and financial sustainability	Ambulance Service	Corporate/strategic update.	Opportunity to meet new Chief Executive and challenge strategic priorities
24 July 2019	Capacity and financial sustainability	A&E pressures and seasonal pressures/bed management – <i>follow up</i>	Relationship between ambulance performance and hospital capacity pressures.	Follow up to November 2018 session/review of winter performance. Operational representatives to be present
4 September 2019	Community healthcare (prevention and early intervention)	Public Health	Funding and role of and impact of STPs on Public Health.	TBC
4 September 2019	Quality and Transformation of Services/Community healthcare (prevention and early intervention)	Primary Care	Dentistry/Opticians/Pharmacist update from NHS England	Introductory formal session – as agreed during December 2019 work planning discussions

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September/October	Quality and Transformation of Services	NHS England Long Term Plan	Actions being taken in response to the national plan (excluding Primary Care which will have been discussed in June)	Timing to align with CCG submission deadlines to respond to NHS England. Commissioners to be present.
TBC	Capacity and financial sustainability	Princess Alexandra Hospital sustainability – <i>follow up</i>	Initial session in September 2018 looking at plans for capital funding of potential re-build.	Site visit at end of May. Any formal session TBC.
TBC	Community healthcare (prevention and early intervention)	Community providers – <i>follow up</i>	In September 2018 looked at the broader role and contribution to wider system.	Follow-up session looking at local performance and local variations – on hold as some aspects may be covered under the discussions on the Long-Term Plan
TBC	Quality and Transformation of Services/Community healthcare (prevention and early intervention)	Primary care – urgent care	Urgent care services update. NHS111 arrangements/out of hours arrangements.	TBC

To be programmed:

TBC	Capacity and financial sustainability	Temporary move of mental health and other wards in South Essex – <i>follow up</i>	HOSC formally consulted in October 2018. Endorsed the urgent temporary action taken. Future permanent service model expected later in 2019.	HOSC to be consulted as part of a full formal engagement process on the future permanent model for older people's dementia services.
TBC	Capacity and financial sustainability	Temp relocation and ward moves to facilitate St Lukes Primary care development – <i>follow up</i>	HOSC formally consulted in October 2018. Endorsed the temporary measures proposed. Future permanent service model expected later in 2019.	HOSC to be consulted as part of a full formal engagement process regarding the future permanent model
TBC	Quality and Transformation of Services	Hospital mergers	(i) Legal merger process. (ii) clinical services integration	Work may be undertaken in Joint HOSCs. (i) Joint HOSC reviews (ii) TBC
TBC	Quality and Transformation of Services/Equity	Mental health – <i>follow up</i>	Partnership working, service changes, access to services. Full Committee reviews: Sept 2017 and April 2018.	Next steps tbc
TBC	Community healthcare (prevention and early intervention)	Hip fractures/Falls Task and Finish Group – <i>follow up</i>	Actions and recommendations arising	TBC
TBC	Quality and Transformation of Services	Patient feedback and concerns	Possibly analyse some complaints data and speak with patient forums and service user groups.	Suggested during work planning discussions as part of Annual review exercise in December 2019 - TBC

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Work with the People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee (PAF)

Led and hosted by PAF – provisional timing June 2019	Community healthcare (prevention and early intervention)	Virgin Care 0-19 contract	Raised in December 2019 during discussions on work planning as part of an Annual Review exercise,	HOPSC members to join site visits of Family Hubs and follow-up session with commissioners and Virgin Care. Family Hub visits being planned for April 2019. Formal PAF session being planned for June 2019.
TBC	Quality and Transformation of Services	Autism services and awareness (health, social care, educational support)	Raised separately by both committees.	To be scoped in consultation with ECC officers. Joint introductory briefing to be arranged.
TBC	Quality and Transformation of Services	Sensory services		To be scoped in consultation with ECC officers

Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees (JHOSCs) looking at plans from Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs)

1. JHOSC looking at the Mid and South Essex STP (Joint Committee with Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and Thurrock Council)

This Joint Committee was established to be the scrutiny consultee for a formal public consultation launched by the STP for various proposed service changes. At the time of this report being written the JHOSC had held four meetings in public and a number of private briefings. [Joint HOSC agenda papers](#) The JHOSC had been intending to continue to look at issues and planning beyond the formal consultation. However, the STP plans have now been referred to the Secretary of State by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and Thurrock Council, and as a consequence, the JHOSC's work has been paused.

Essex HOSC nominated JHOSC members: Cllrs Egan (Lead Member), Lumley, Moore, Robinson (substitutes: Cllrs Chandler, Reeves and Reid).

2. JHOSC looking at the Suffolk and North East Essex STP (Joint Committee with Suffolk County Council)

This Joint Committee was established in anticipation of a formal consultation being launched by the STP for various service changes. It has held three meetings in public and number of private briefings whilst formal proposals are being developed by the STP and the new combined acute trust (previously Colchester and Ipswich Hospitals). [Joint HOSC Agenda papers](#)

Essex HOSC nominated JHOSC members: Cllrs Brown (Lead Member), Harris, Sargeant, Wood (substitute: Cllr Erskine).

Task and Finish Group reviews - None at present