

**Minutes of the meeting of the Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee,
held in County Hall, Chelmsford on Thursday 4 November 2021 at 10:30am**

Present

Cllr Jeff Henry (Chairman)	Cllr Carlie Mayes (Co-opted)
Cllr David Carter (Co-opted)	Cllr Jaymey McIvor
Cllr Dave Harris (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr Anthony McQuiggan
Cllr Luke Mackenzie	Cllr Lynda McWilliams (Co-opted)
Cllr Mike Mackrory (substitute)	Cllr Clive Souter (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Bob Massey	Cllr Mike Steptoe

Apologies

Cllr Mark Cory	Cllr Paul Gadd
Cllr June Lumley	

The following officers were supporting the meeting:

- Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager
- Jasmine Carswell, Democratic Services Officer

1. Membership, apologies and declarations

Apologies were received from Cllr Mark Cory, Cllr Paul Gadd and Cllr June Lumley.

Cllr Mackrory attended as a substitute for Cllr Cory.

Cllr McWilliams declared an interest as a Governor of East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 October 2021 were approved by the committee as an accurate record.

3. Questions from the public

No questions from members of the public were received.

4. Community beds in Mid and South Essex

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting:

James Wilson	Transformation Director, Mid and South Essex Community Collaborative
Stephanie Dawe	Group Chief Nurse and Chief Operating Officer, Provide

Andy Vowles	Programme Director, Mid and South Essex Community Collaborative
Claire Hankey	Director of Communications and Engagement, Mid and South Essex Health and Care Partnership

The Committee received the following update covering the following key issues:

- Purpose is to share the work they have been doing looking at the possible future number and location of community beds across Mid and South Essex
- Plan is to now commence a period of engagement on some of the key issues
- Need to decide whether to make some of the urgent changes made to community beds during Covid-19 permanent
- Have been reviewing stroke rehabilitation and how in the future might need to change the bed numbers and configuration to meet demand
- Development an ageing well programme which is a key aspect in determining the role, location and number of community intermediate care beds
- Key issues for engagement are:
 - Acute frailty
 - Intermedia care
 - Stroke
 - Decision-making criteria
- Engagement focus will seek views from patients, staff, carers, stakeholders and partners on current services as well as potential changes
- Will bring an independent partner to deliver targeted engagement work based on the initial Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA), which will highlight those people that are most likely to be affected
- Activities will include workshops and focus groups and the production of an independent feedback report
- Outline timetable is:

From November 2021

- Targeted engagement work begins
- Start of the NHS England assurance process
- Initial engagement with the East of England Clinical senate

Early 2022

- Share conclusions of the engagement process
- Draft the pre-consultation business case to set out the main issues and options
- Develop a plan and timetable for consultation, in discussion with HOSC

Spring 2022

- Period of consultation on the options

Summer 2022

- Decisions of preferred option

During the discussion, the following key points were noted:

- Are compliant with legislation in terms of mixed sex accommodation and would continue to do so as part of any future changes
- Policies are in place with regard transgender and work with individuals to determine where they see themselves
- Process is to make sure the right beds are in the right place
- Want to make sure the right clinical model is in place and will work with Essex County Council's Adult Social Care (ASC) service to understand wider system demands
- Pre-consultation business case will determine the level of funding required for this work
- Assessments with ASC will continue to be carried out
- There are no plans to introduce new facilities beyond the existing estate
- Recognised that improvements are needed around stroke care
- Where sites cannot be accessed easily, would need to understand how people would access these
- Previous consultation in 2016 focussed on the acute part of stroke care, this is looking at the rehabilitation phase.

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

- i) Committee note the plans to engage on the possibly future focus and location of community inpatient beds.
- ii) Committee agreed to receive regular future updates.
- iii) Committee to consider forming a Mid and South Essex joint scrutiny committee with Southend and Thurrock.

5. Chairman's Report

The Committee noted the information update within the Chairman's report.

6. Member Updates

The following updates were provided to the Committee:

Cllr McIvor provided an update on the first meeting of the Whipps Cross Development JHOSC:

- Meeting on 19 October 2021 was very insightful
- From an Essex perspective, the development affects a small number of residents mainly in the Epping Forest district
- JHOSC received a presentation from NHS England outlining the plans
- It was encouraging to know that the funding has already been secured
- Flood mitigation strategy has been added to the JHOSC's work programme
- Collaboration is needed with Transport for London and London Ambulance Service
- Concerns were raised around capacity – unsure if it will be the same or more of the current hospital.

Cllr Henry informed the committee that Basildon Borough Council have given the East of England Ambulance Service and Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust Freedom of the Borough.

7. Work Programme

The Committee noted the current work programme and agreed to now receive a written report on the NHS Vaccination Programme.

8. Date of next meeting

To note that the next committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 2 December 2021 at 10:30am.

9. Urgent business

No urgent business received.

10. Urgent exempt business

No urgent exempt business received.

The meeting closed at 11:12

Chairman