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Committee Health Overview and Scrutiny

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GENERAL UPDATE

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Recommendation: If there are no issues arising to note the update below:

(i) LOCAL HEALTH NEWS

Health bodies - Public meetings 2016

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.midessexccg.nhs.uk/news-events>

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

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

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Castle Point and Rochford CCG

Over the course of the 2016, every care home in Castle Point and Rochford will become aligned with a single GP practice that will be responsible for providing a set level of care to care home residents. The CCG has introduced the new service to help address problems at an earlier stage, prevent avoidable trips to hospital and provide reassurance to residents and their families. The service is set to roll out in the Rayleigh locality first, with a view to introducing the service in Benfleet, Rochford and Canvey Island later in the year

North East Essex CCG

The CCG have specifically highlighted to the HOSC that the following items were due to be discussed at its Board meeting on 26 July 2016:

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- **Feedback from the Big Care Debate 2** – the CCG's public engagement exercise between January and April 2016. The paper highlights key themes that local people have fed back to the CCG about their experiences of accessing health and social care as well as suggestions around waste and duplication that could be reviewed.
- **Urgent Care review** – A review of the major elements of the current out of hospital urgent care service provision, including NHS 111, Walk-in Centre and Minor Injuries Units. This is to ensure services are consistent and easily accessible for local people.
- **Paediatric Vision Training** – a report to the Board on the outcome of the feedback received following a five week period of public engagement.
- Progress update on the CCG's **Primary Care Strategy**.

Copies of the above reports are available on the CCG website - <http://www.neessexccg.nhs.uk/Library/CCG%20Board%20Meeting.html>

Essex County Council

Essex County Council has published updated district profiles, which give key information about each of the districts in Essex including information and analysis on health issues. The profiles are updated every two years and form part of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for Essex. Follow this link to the profiles [Updated district profiles](#)

(ii) SERVICE CHANGES AND VARIATIONS

Primary care

On 6 July 2016 NHS England announced that patients who are currently registered with the three GP dispensing practices detailed below will no longer be eligible to have their medication dispensed from their GP practice. This is due to a new pharmacy opening in the Takeley area in August 2015.

- F81004 Eden Surgeries, Broomfields, Hatfield Heath, CM22 7EH
- F81111 Elsenham Surgery, Station Road, Elsenham, CM22 6LA
- F81118 John Tasker House Surgery, 56 New Street, Gr Dunmow, CM6 1BH

Under The NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013, if a new pharmacy opens and a dispensing patient now lives within 1.6km of that pharmacy, that patient must have their prescriptions dispensed at a pharmacy (either the new pharmacy or another one) rather than at their practice as the patient is no longer eligible to be treated as a dispensing patient there. This is in line with the Regulations.

Clinical Commissioning Groups

Castle Point and Rochford CCG

The CCG has taken the decision to reduce the quantity of prescribed Gluten Free food that patients can order by 50 per cent. The decision was taken following a public consultation and discussions with Coeliac UK and other specialist health professionals. From the consultation the CCG found that patients struggle to find brands they trust in supermarkets, therefore the decision was taken to continue with Gluten Free prescribing in part, rather than stopping prescribing all items.

North East Essex CCG

Paediatric Vision Training – a report is going to the CCG Board on the 26th July 2016 on the outcome of the feedback received following a five week period of public engagement.

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