

**Minutes of the meeting of the Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee,
held virtually via video conference on Wednesday 2 December 2020 at 10:30am**

Present

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| Cllr Jill Reeves (Chairman) | Cllr June Lumley |
| Cllr Anne Brown | Cllr Bob Massey |
| Cllr Jenny Chandler | Cllr Clive Souter |
| Cllr Tony Edwards (Co-opted Member) | Cllr Mark Stephenson |
| Cllr Beverley Egan (Vice-Chair) | Cllr Mike Steptoe |
| Cllr Ricki Gadsby | Cllr Andy Wood (Vice-Chair) |
| Cllr Dave Harris | |

Apologies

Cllr Michael Helm (Co-opted Member)

Other Members

Cllr John Baker

Others present

Sharon Westfield de Cortez
(Healthwatch)

The following officers were supporting the meeting:

Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager

Sophie Campion, Democratic Services Officer

1. Membership, apologies and declarations

Apologies were received from Cllr Michael Helm.

The following Declarations of Interest were made:

| Name | Interest |
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| Cllr Anne Brown | Son is a surgeon at Southend Hospital |
| Cllr Beverley Egan | Cousin is the Managing Director of the Basildon Hospital Trust |

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 November 2020 were approved by the committee as an accurate record

3. Questions from the public

No questions from members of the public were received.

4. Mental Health Services

The Committee considered report HOSC/35/20 comprising of an update detailing the impact the Coronavirus pandemic is having on mental health services in Essex.

Representatives from EPUT, NELFT and CCG's were in attendance to present their respective reports.

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

- i) All representatives were invited back to a future HOSC meeting to provide a further update. Likely around March 2021.

5. Suicide rates in Essex

The Committee considered report HOSC/36/20 comprising of a briefing from Essex County Council's Public Health team on suicide rates in Essex, following the recent publishing of statistics by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

The Committee thanked the officer for the presentation and information provided.

6. Interpreting and Translation Services

The Committee considered report HOSC/37/20 comprising of a briefing from NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) and the North East Essex CCG on the procurement of a contract that incorporates the whole of the East, instead of the current multiple arrangements that are in place across the County.

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

- i) The feedback provided by the Committee will be included as part of the final consultation report.

7. Providing of Adult Community inpatient beds at Clacton and Fryatt Hospitals

The Committee considered report HOSC/38/20 comprising of a briefing from the NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG and North East Essex CCG on the moving of a proportion of beds from Clacton Hospital to the Fryatt Hospital.

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

- i) A meeting would be conveyed with the Members of HOSC whose ward covers the North East part of Essex.

8. Chairman's Report

The Committee considered and noted report HOSC/39/20.

9. Member Updates

The Committee considered and noted report HOSC/40/20.

10. Work Programme

The committee considered report HOSC/41/20 the current work programme was noted by the committee.

11. Date of next meeting

To note that the next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13 January 2021 at 10:30am.

12. Urgent business

No urgent business was received.

13. Urgent exempt business

No urgent exempt business was received.

The meeting closed at 14:38.

Chairman