

**HOSC/38/16**

**Committee** Health Overview and Scrutiny

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**CLACTON HOSPITAL – PETER BRUFF WARD**

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**Recommendation:**

- (i) To consider the response received from NEPFT;
  - (ii) To consider any further information, representation or action required:
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**Background**

At the meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016, an issue was raised under the Public Questions item by Mr Tom Wood.

In summary, Tom Wood highlighted the intention by North Essex Partnership Foundation Trust (NEPFT) to relocate the Peter Bruff in-patient ward currently at Clacton Hospital to another location at Colchester Hospital. It was suggested that the 'relocated' ward at Colchester Hospital would not have the same classification as the ward being moved from Clacton despite there still being local demand for the acute in-patient beds currently being provided in the Peter Bruff Ward at Clacton Hospital.

In addition, during discussion, it was suggested that Governors at NEPFT felt that they had not been given sufficient notice or information, or been sufficiently consulted, on this proposal.

The HOSC Chairman sent a letter to NEPFT requesting further information and clarification on the proposal (**Appendix 1**) and the response from NEPFT to that letter is attached (**Appendix 2**).