

Chairman's Report

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Report to: Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This is the latest update reporting on discussions at HOSC Chairman's Forum meetings usually held in between the formal meetings of the committee.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider this report and identify any issues arising.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Chairman, Vice Chairmen and Lead Joint HOSC Members, usually meet monthly in between scheduled meetings of the full Committee to discuss work planning and this often entails talking to ECC and external health officers. This is the latest regular short report of these meetings. In addition, there are also meetings with the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care on a bi-monthly basis and quarterly meetings with senior officers.

4. Update and Next Steps

- 4.1. The Forum last met on 22 January 2020 and the main issues discussed and actions agreed were:

Cystoscopy services - Clacton

Agreed: to seek further information on changes before further discussion at next Forum.

February 2020 HOSC: A&E Pressures, seasonal planning and admissions avoidance item

Agreed:

- (i) following the format from July 2019 meeting, to keep at operational level with representation from acute trusts, ambulance service and County Council;
- (ii) scope and advance questions to be sent to contributors;
- (iii) earlier start time if it helps contributors.

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Noted the People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee would be looking at domiciliary care and that HOSC may wish to suggest that it also has representation on the T&F Group being set up.

Healthwatch Essex Data:

The Forum discussed the Spotlight on Services call data per CCG area collated by Healthwatch Essex (HWE) for the period 1st October to 31st December 2019 and how it could help inform future HOSC (and PAF) work. Agreed: to invite HWE to present and discuss at future HOSC meeting (probably March).

GP surgery issue

Scrutiny Officer to provide written HOSC position statement for Cllr Brown to respond to query raised at recent informal meeting of Joint HOSC (with Suffolk).

Work Programme

Mental Health - deferred further discussion on scoping until next meeting of Forum.

Dentistry/Opticians/Pharmacist services briefing and update - services commissioned by NHS England and not individual CCGs. Agreed: to start planning to bring this to March/April HOSC if possible.

Scrutiny Annual Report

Agreed: Members to suggest at next Forum meeting the HOSC work that should be highlighted for inclusion in the report.

5. List of Appendices

None