



Essex County Council

Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee

10:30	Wednesday, 13 January 2021	Online Meeting
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	Please note that Members are requested to join via Zoom at 9:30am for a pre-meeting.	
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	To note and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 December 2020.	
3	Questions from the Public	
	A period of up to 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make representations on any item on the agenda for this meeting. No statement or question shall be longer than three minutes and speakers will be timed. If you would like to ask a question at the meeting, please email democratic.services@essex.gov.uk before noon on Tuesday 12 January 2021.	

4	Autism Services	9 - 29
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9	Urgent Business	
	To consider any matter which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered in public by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.	

Exempt Items

(During consideration of these items the meeting is not likely to be open to the press and public)

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That the press and public are excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the specific paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A engaged being set out in the report or appendix relating to that item of business.

10 Urgent Exempt Business

To consider in private any other matter which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

Agenda Item 1

Report title: Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest	
Report to: Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Report author: Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager	
Date: 13 January 2021	For: Information
Enquiries to: Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager (richard.buttress3@essex.gov.uk or Sophie Campion, Democratic Services Officer (sophie.campion2@essex.gov.uk))	
County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

Recommendations:

To note:

1. Membership as shown below
2. Apologies and substitutions
3. Declarations of interest to be made by Members in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct

Membership

(Quorum: 4)

Councillor J Reeves	Chairman
Councillor A Brown	
Councillor J Chandler	
Councillor B Egan	Vice-Chairman
Councillor R Gadsby	
Councillor D Harris	
Councillor J Lumley	
Councillor B Massey	
Councillor C Souter	
Councillor M Stephenson	
Councillor M Steptoe	
Councillor A Wood	Vice-Chairman

Co-opted Non-Voting Membership

Councillor T Edwards	Harlow District Council
Councillor M Helm	Maldon District Council
Councillor A Gordon	Basildon Borough Council

**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

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
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

Report title: Autism Services	
Report to: Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Report author: Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager (richard.buttress3@essex.gov.uk)	
Date: 13 January 2021	For: Discussion and identifying any follow-up scrutiny actions
Enquiries to: Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager (richard.buttress3@essex.gov.uk) or Sophie Campion, Democratic Services Officer (sophie.campion2@essex.gov.uk)	
County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Chairman and Lead Members have requested that the Committee receive an update on how Autism services are being delivered across the County, especially during the middle of a pandemic. This introductory update is attached as described further below.

2. Action required

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

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee requested a few months ago to receive an update on Autism services. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, this was delayed as a result of other pressing topics the committee wished to look into.

- 3.2 The agreed scope is set out below:

- Referral and diagnosis times
- Transitions between children and adult services
- The number of people across Essex affected by Autism
- The impact of Covid-19 on Children's Autism services.

The accompanying paper was put together collaboratively between the health service and Essex County Council, and officers from both will be in attendance on the day to present this report. has primarily supported the preparation of this item and provided the majority of the update however, Essex County Council officers will be in attendance on the day to present this update.

4. Update and Next Steps

See Appendices for update. See Action Required for next steps.

5. List of Appendices

Appendix A: Autism Services

Briefing on Autism Services

Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee

13 January 2021

What is autism?

Autism short for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), a lifelong disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world.

Autism is a spectrum condition, ranging from individuals in need of 24-hour care, to people who struggle with some aspects of everyday life including forming friendships, coping at school or managing work.

Every person with autism is different. Some people may share some of the following characteristics:

- communication issues;
- repetitive behaviour and routines and difficulty with unexpected change;
- anxiety in social situations and difficulty with interacting;
- sensory sensitivity to light, touch, sound or smell;
- intense and highly focused interests.

Local authority and Health responsibilities



The Care Act 2014

Wellbeing outcomes

Prevention, awareness,
accessible information,
responsive and
safeguarding



Children and Families Act 2014

A requirement to joint
commission and meet
needs as identified in an
Education Health and
Care plan (EHC).



The Autism Act 2009 The National Strategy

Sets out the provision for
meeting the needs of
adults with autistic
spectrum conditions.



Children Act 2004

Sets out the duties to
meet assessed need and
the guiding principles for
care and support of
children..



Preventing inappropriate admissions and discharge - Transforming Care

Development of locality
wellbeing hubs across health
and social care



Mental health – Access to emotional and mental wellbeing



National Institute for 7 Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidelines

Reducing waiting lists
CCGs commission
assessment and
diagnostic services



NHS Long Term Plan 2019

Accessing health services –
Training the workforce and
reasonable adjustments
Tackling Health inequalities –
children and adults

5 year All Age Autism Strategy launched in April 2020

(ECC strategy shaped in partnership with Health)



We want Essex to be recognised as an autism friendly county in which people with autism can live fulfilling and meaningful lives within communities that are understanding and supportive.



We have developed a strategy for the next five years with people with autism, family members, health, voluntary and community partners and other key stakeholders.



The strategy takes a whole life approach and encompasses children, young people, adults and older adults with autism and considers the views, wishes and opinions of carers and families.



It has been informed by people with lived experience and their families and carers, including consultation and engagement within our network and partnerships.

Essex All Age Autism Strategy: 7 Key Priorities

A revised Strategy action plan is being shaped and implemented through the Autism Joint Commissioning forum

Read the full All Age Autism [Strategy and its Easy Read version here](#)



All Age Autism Joint ECC and Health Commissioners Forum established

- To support delivery on Diagnosis, Assessment and Support
- ECC commissioners and CCG commissioners from each area are invited including Southend and Thurrock
- 12-month countywide BCF funded autism navigator/support service pilot commenced in April 2020 and delivered by Summit Services (not including Southend and Thurrock) to support adults seeking a diagnosis, to support them with information support whilst they are awaiting their assessment, to know what to expect, and support post diagnosis. Pilot ends March 2021
- Procurement underway for longer term Joint service arrangement for April 2021 onwards
Countywide service arrangement is dependent on future funding
- Further work to be undertaken to align with the Children's Diagnosis pathway.

Covid-19 Autism Survey undertaken via the Essex All Age Autism Partnership

81% of respondents were parents

19% responded that their mental health was much worse.

31% responded that their mental health was somewhat worse.

88% responded that the reason was disruption of routine. The next highest reasons given were:

- Anxiety of the unknown;
- Social isolation;
- Difficulty sleeping.

When asked about positives, the majority discussed school:

- *“Not having to go to school and be faced with lack of support and understanding”*
- *“No school!”*
- *“Not worried about going to school”*

Support available during pandemic for people with autism and their families

The [Essex Wellbeing Service](#) continues to provide support to Essex residents including:

- Managing and coping with change
- Managing anxiety and staying active
- Maintaining healthy relationships and accessing peer support
- Using technology
- Understanding coronavirus
- Coping with separation and loss
- Practical support including help to get food and medication

Learning Disabilities & Autism service providers including Summit Services are working within the Essex Wellbeing Service, to provide specialist practical and emotional support to individuals with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism during the pandemic and their carers.

- [Stay Connected](#) – Sport for Confidence are providing Occupational Therapy intervention to vulnerable adults, primarily those with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism, at risk of social isolation due to Covid-19 restrictions / reduced access to ordinary services
- [Digital outreach](#) - Day Opportunities providers are providing digital outreach via use of technology including wellbeing telephone calls and Zoom sessions for cooking, dance, craft and other peer activities
- [Essex Carers Network](#) – are working to connect families/parents caring for people with learning disabilities and/or autism, to share experiences, information and for peer support
- [Mental Health services including Futures in Mind](#) are making weekly wellbeing calls and services including ACL Mental Health Wellbeing & Recovery Programme, The Family Innovation Funded services and Triple P parenting programme for clients known to them including people with autism are continuing.

SEND and Autism Services

Education Health & Care Plans and Autism - as of December 2020

- Essex County Council currently has 10,108 Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs);
- 3,613 EHCPs primary need is listed as Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD), which is 35% of the EHCP population (this is a 67% increase from 2015);
- Autism Spectrum Disorder is the highest proportion of our EHCP population with Social, Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) needs having the second highest proportion (16%) ;
- ECC currently has 22,518 pupils on SEN Support; 2004 (8.9%) of these children and young people (CYP) have their primary need identified as autism. This is an increase from 2015, where ECC had 684 CYP identified with autism on SEN Support (3%).

Essex All Age Autism Strategy

Priority Area: Education & Training 2020-2021

VISION: Person Centred Whole system approach Early Intervention All Age approach Empowerment Strengths Based Co-production

Objective: People have the foundations to build and live meaningful lives

Where do we want to get to?

- ✓ Inclusive educational provision for young people with autism across the county;
- ✓ A good level of awareness and understanding of autism across the education sector;
- ✓ A range of suitable educational provision across Essex including both mainstream and special schools;
- ✓ Good autism practice underpinned by understanding the individual, positive and effective relationships, enabling environments and learning and development.
- ✓ Early and accurate identification and assessment of young people's needs.

We will work together to develop educational provision for young people with autism which enables them to achieve to the best of their abilities. This includes:

- **Effective training and development for education professionals.**
- **Autism Education Trust (AET) training delivered by professionals to early years, schools and post 16 settings.**
- **A holistic approach using the AET's evidence-based support programme and practical resources.**
- **Identifying learning priorities and measuring progress in areas which relate to young people's social, emotional, independence and learning needs.**
- **Developing the support available for mainstream schools in supporting young people with autism.**

Autism Provision Update

New Schools

The Hawthorns School

- **70** place school in Chelmsford for children and young people with ASC;
- **10** residential places;
- **Opening 2022/23.**

The Chatten School

- **75** place school in Witham for children and young people with severe autism;
- **Opening September 2021.**

Autism Support Centre Review

The purpose of the review is to:

- Gather evidence and a thorough understanding of what works well and less well currently, for who, where and why;
- Determine the future vision and ambitions for the enhanced provisions in order to build our requirements for future commissioning and delivery;
- Develop options to meet our future ambitions.
- Ensure Enhanced Provisions are fairly funded.
- The review is being approached in three workstreams:
 - Understanding the current operating model;
 - Determining the commissioning requirements;
 - Exploring the options for future delivery.

Health and Autism Services

CCG diagnostic referral statistics

CCG area	Sep 2019–Mar 2020	March 2020-Sep 2020	Sep 2020 to Dec 2020
Mid (Adults)	48	19	18
West (Adults)	47	20	14
North East (Adults)	76	63	17 Oct only
South East (Adults)	35 (10 Castle Point and Rochford, 25 Southend on Sea)	31 (9 CPR, 22 SOS)	13 (4 CPR, 9 SOS)
South West (Adults)	37 (30 Brentwood Basildon Wickford, 7 Thurrock)	42 (38 BBW, 4 Thurrock)	22 (20 BBW, 2 Thurrock)

CCG diagnostic assessment statistics

CCG	Sep 2019–Mar 2020	Mar 2020-Sep 2020	Sep to Dec 2020
Mid (Adults)	27	28	10
West (Adults)	19	12	9
North East (Adults)	103	40	7 Oct only
South East (Adults)	27 (11 CPR, 16 SOS)	2 (1 CPR, 1 SOS)	5 (3 CPR, 2 SOS)
South West (Adults)	29 (20 BBW, 9 Th)	1 (1 BBW, 0 Th)	7 (6 BBW, 1 Th)

CCG diagnostic waiting time statistics (weeks)

CCG	Sep 2019 – Mar 2020		Mar 2020– Sep 2020		Sep 2020- Dec 2020	
	Longest wait	Ave.	Longest wait	Ave.	Longest wait	Ave.
Mid (Adults)	60.9	42.3	70.7	51.7	75	66
West (Adults)	89.6	44.4	73.3	64.4	98.7	64.1
North East (Adults)	Not collected		63	43	50 Oct only	24 Oct only
South East (Adults)	61.1	32.5	63	31	74.4	38
South West (Adults)	61.1	32.5	63	31	74.4	38

Children's West Essex

Journey of Autism Diagnosis & Early Support

- ❖ Neurodevelopment transformation project 2018/19 – JADES implementation
- ❖ Integrated team consisting of: JADES Team Co-ordinator, Specialist OT, Specialist Neurodevelopmental Nurse, Specialist ADHD nurse, Paediatricians, Specialist Speech & Language Therapists, Clinical Psychologist.
- ❖ Utilises the full potential of Pre-Birth to 19 Healthy Family Teams and Children's Community Healthcare Teams from within integrated ECFWS (west Quadrant).
- ❖ Project extension 2020/21 – implement Cygnets programme of support to parents/primary carers of school aged children receiving a diagnosis of Autism.
- ❖ ICS review of Covid impact and scoping gap between demand and commissioned capacity across Hertfordshire & West Essex.
- ❖ Deliver the requirements highlighted in the SEND Written Statement of Action at local level, working with the Neurodevelopment Sub-Group of the Essex SEND Joint Commissioning Group.
- ❖ Average time to first assessment approx. 6 weeks, JADES care plan implemented. Both virtual and face-to-face contacts currently being offered (risk assessed).

Diagnosis Pathway Improvement Plan

	Adults
Mid / West Essex CCGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral form for GP completion being developed to obtain info to support referral processing (and which also allows the provider to ensure that the referrals coming in are appropriate) Information sheet for GP's on what the Autism Spectrum Disorder Diagnostic Service pathway looks like (that can also be made available to those people who are referred for an assessment) being drafted Conversations underway with the provider on what support is needed to reduce the pressure on the existing backlog.
North East Essex CCG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions with current service provider underway to further support increasing waiting lists. Current contract for Autism Spectrum Disorder ends on 31st March 2021 with HPFT /Transfers to EPUT as part of the new IAPT service. As part of the IAPT invitation to tender, it was outlined that the ASD service would be reviewed during mobilisation with likely change in year 1 of the IAPT contract. Specific mobilisation and implementation plan derived as part of wider IAPT mobilisation. This includes pathway proposal and KPI review.
South Essex CCG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To adapt the assessment and intervention going forward so that a virtual approach is part of the offer and not just face-face appointments To adapt the assessment process so that it is refined and a more streamlined assessment is offered where appropriate Sharing skills through training (e.g. IAPT, Custody Suites) Review of local neurodevelopmental service pathways and offer in the context of wider transformation of mental health services.

Diagnosis Pathway Improvement Plan

	Childrens
Mid / West Essex / North East Essex / South Essex CCGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All areas to have pathways in place for ASD/ADHD that eliminates discrepancies across Essex• Development of MDT work streams in each quadrant• Development and implementation of the same set of principles used to develop pathways based on NICE Guidance, good practice model's and EFF feedback• Principles embedded for identification, coordination ,on going family support and timely assessment• Linkages to relevant and appropriate Neurodevelopmental Pathways• Improved Pathway outcomes that are linked to the Local Offer, IASS, EFF, Equipment, SaLT.

Report title: Chairman's Report	
Report to: Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Report author: Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager	
Date: 13 January 2021	For: Discussion and identifying any follow-up scrutiny actions
Enquiries to: Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager (richard.buttress3@essex.gov.uk) or Sophie Campion, Democratic Services Officer (sophie.campion2@essex.gov.uk)	
County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This is the latest update reporting on discussions at HOSC Chairman's Forum meetings (Chairman, Vice Chairmen and Lead JHOSC Member).

2. Action required

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

3. Background

- 3.1 The Forum usually meets monthly in between scheduled Committee meetings to discuss work planning. 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. Due to the short amount of time between the completion of the December HOSC meeting and the Christmas break, and owing to the fact there was no business that required discussion, the Chairman's Forum did not meet before publication of the agenda.

5. List of Appendices – none

Report title: Member Updates	
Report to: Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Report author: Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager	
Date: 13 January 2021	For: Discussion
Enquiries to: Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager (richard.buttress3@essex.gov.uk or Sophie Campion, Democratic Services Officer (sophie.campion2@essex.gov.uk))	
County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

This is an opportunity for members to update the Committee
(see Background below)

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider oral reports received and any issues arising.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Chairman and Vice Chairman have requested a standard agenda item to receive updates from members (usually oral but written reports can be provided ahead of time for inclusion in the published agenda if preferred).
- 3.2 All members are encouraged to attend meetings of their local health commissioners and providers and report back any information and issues of interest and/or relevant to the Committee. In particular, HOSC members who serve as County Council representatives observing the following bodies may wish to provide an update:
- Castle Point and Rochford CCG (Cllr Egan)
 - North East Essex CCG (Cllr Brown)

4. Update and Next Steps

Oral updates to be given.

5. List of Appendices – None

Report title: Work Programme	
Report to: Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Report author: Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager	
Date: 13 January 2021	For: Information
Enquiries to: Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager (richard.buttress3@essex.gov.uk or Sophie Campion, Democratic Services Officer (sophie.campion2@essex.gov.uk))	
County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The current work programme for the Committee is attached.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked:
- (i) to consider this report and work programme in the Appendix and any further development of amendments;
 - (ii) to discuss further suggestions for briefings/scrutiny work.

3. Background

3.1 Briefings and training

Further briefings and discussion days will continue to be scheduled on an ongoing basis as identified and required.

3.2 Formal committee activity

The current work programme continues to be a live document, developed as a result of work planning sessions and subsequent ongoing discussions between the Chairman and Lead Members, and within full committee.

4. Update and Next Steps

See Appendix.

5. List of Appendices - Work Programme overleaf

**Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme – January 2021**

Date	Topic	Theme/Focus	Approach and next steps
January 2021			
January 2021	Autism services	Look at referral and diagnosis times and transitions between services. Now to also have post virus pandemic context.	
February 2021			
February 2021	East of England Ambulance Service	Committee to receive a progress update from the Trust on how the recommendations from the CQC are being implemented, after they were placed into special measures.	
February 2021	GP provision across Essex	Briefing from the CCG's to include historic trends and data by division.	

Other issues for consideration

Date	Topic	Theme/Focus	Approach and next steps
TBC	Community providers – follow up	Previously looked at the broader role and contribution. to wider system. Agreed to review local performance.	May link with other items on work programme.
TBC	Sensory care pathways	Review accessibility to services and system working.	May link with other items on work programme.
TBC 2020	Primary Care – further follow up	Contribution to wider system and the STP plans. To review	To review locality changes from finalised CCG plans and

		locality changes from finalised CCG plans and impact of NHS England Long Term Plan. Could include further consideration of urgent care provision, NHS 111 and out-of-hours arrangements. Now to also have post virus pandemic context.	impact of NHSE Long Term Plan. TBC – currently on hold.
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