



Essex County Council

Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee

10:30	Thursday, 06 April 2023	Committee Room 1 County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH
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To note that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 1 June 2023, in Committee Room 1, County Hall.

10 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)

The following items of business have not been published on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Members are asked to consider whether or not the press and public should be excluded during the consideration of these items. If so it will be necessary for the meeting to pass a formal resolution:

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.

11 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: 6 April 2023	For: Information
Enquiries to: Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager – richard.buttress3@essex.gov.uk or Freddey Ayres, Democratic Services Officer – freddey.ayres2@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 Jeff Henry	Chairman
Councillor Martin Foley	
Councillor Paul Gadd	
Councillor Dave Harris	Vice-Chairman
Councillor June Lumley	
Councillor Bob Massey	
Councillor Jaymey McIvor	
Councillor Anthony McQuiggan	
Councillor Richard Moore	
Councillor Stephen Robinson	
Councillor Clive Souter	Vice-Chairman
Councillor Mike Steptoe	

Co-opted Non-Voting Membership

Councillor David Carter	Harlow District Council
Councillor Carlie Mayes	Maldon District Council
Councillor Lynda McWilliams	Tendring District Council

**Minutes of the meeting of the Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee,
held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Chelmsford on Thursday 2 March
2023 at 10:30am**

Present

Cllr Jeff Henry (chairman)

Cllr Anthony McQuiggan

Cllr Paul Gadd

Cllr Richard Moore

Cllr Dave Harris (vice-chairman)

Cllr Clive Souter (vice-chairman)

Cllr Jaymey McIvor

Cllr Mike Steptoe

Apologies

Cllr David Carter (co-opted)

Cllr Carlie Mayes (co-opted)

Cllr Martin Foley

Cllr Stephen Robinson

Remote Attendees

Cllr Lynda McWilliams (Co-opted)

Sharon Westfield-de-Cortez (HWE)

The following officers were supporting the meeting:

- Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager
- Freddey Ayres, Democratic Services Officer

1. Membership, apologies and declarations

Apologies were received from Councillors Carter, Foley, Mayes and Robinson.

Cllr Henry declared that he is a member on the council of governors for the Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6 January 2023 were approved and signed as an accurate record.

Cllr Gadd queries whether the draft strategies from EPUT have been shared with the committee, as set out in the Matters Arising. An update from officers will be sought.

The committee agreed that the Autumn booster vaccination programme can be removed from the Matters Arising report.

3. Questions from the public

No questions from the public were received.

4. Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting:

- Jonathan Dunk, Chief Commercial Officer
- Fiona Ryan, Managing Director

The committee received the following update and responses to their questions:

- Challenges currently being faced by MSE are in the urgent and emergency pathway care
- There have been mobilisation challenges since 2014 running two systems
- Equipment is becoming dated and old and having a single point of access is a better option for patients
- Have seen a significant increase in demand and are working on improving ambulance turnaround times
- In January, ambulance handover times have improved by over 25%. Trust wide improvement is over 40%
- Accident and Emergency departments are congested
- Data is providing assurance that MSE are working to reduce waiting lists and patients being referred to them for treatment
- Current commercial contracts end in 2024 and have been looking at different options – the insource and outsource model
- Agreed on that a fully outsourced model is the preferred way forward and are currently with stakeholders around this
- Formal procurement process will be undertaken with a view to bringing this model in from October 2024
- Community diagnostic centres (CDC) need to develop both nationally and locally, and are working with ICB's about what this could mean locally
- The aim is to have a series of CDCs across the locality and are currently going through the business case process with NHS England
- Approval has been obtained for a CDC at Thurrock and Braintree and in the final stages of approval for a CDC in Pitsea.

5. Service Harmonisation – Mid and South Essex

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting:

- Claire Hankey, Director of Communications and Engagement, Mid & South Essex ICS

The committee received the following update and responses to their questions:

- Undertook consultation before Christmas to bring together six services that had been offered in each CCG area previously
- Looking to bring them together to ensure there is a common offer across Mid and South Essex
- There was no provision for tertiary services across Mid and South Essex when CCGs were in place
- 210 people responded to the online survey which was disappointingly low. There were also focus groups
- Majority were in support of the proposals
- Other ICSs had already harmonised their services prior to them forming

- Main theme of those that did not agree with the proposals was that these procedures should not be funded from the NHS

6. Maternity Services at East Suffolk and North Essex Foundation Trust (ESNEFT)

To be received as a written report.

7. Chairman's Report – March 2023

Members noted the report.

8. Member Updates

Members noted the report.

9. Future Meeting Dates

The committee approved the meeting dates for the 2023/24 municipal year.

The committee's May meeting to be cancelled due it clashes with local elections.

The committee have expressed an interest at visiting Southend Hospital and officers will pursue this.

10. Work Programme – March 2023

The committee noted the current work programme.

11. Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 6 April 2023 at 10:30am in Committee Room 1, County Hall.

12. Urgent Business

No urgent business has been received.

13. Urgent Exempt Business

No urgent exempt business has been received.

The meeting closed at 11:30am.

Chairman

Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee – Matters Arising as of 27 March 2023

Date	Agenda Item	Action	Status
7 April 2022	Hospital redevelopment at Princess Alexandra Hospital	Committee to be provided with date for submission of formal planning application	Item added to Committee's Work Programme
		To receive a further update once the business case process is complete, including whether 2028 delivery date is achievable	Item added to Committee's Work Programme
		Sharing detailed plans of new hospital site	Item added to Committee's Work Programme
7 July 2022	Mid and South Essex Community Beds programme	Updated position to be presented to the Committee in 6 – 8 months' time	Item added to Committee's Work Programme
1 September 2022	Mental Health Services	EPUT strategic plan to be shared with the Committee once published in Autumn 2022	Request sent to officers
6 October 2022	East of England Ambulance Service Trust	Updated position to be presented to the Committee in 6 – 8 months' time	Item added to Committee's Work Programme
6 October 2022	Community Children's Services – South East Essex	Provide an update following the transfer of the Lighthouse Child Development Centre to EPUT	Item added to Committee's Work Programme

1 December 2022	GP Provision in Essex	To provide an update on community pharmacy work	Item to be added to Committee's Work Programme when update is available
1 December 2022	Integrated Care Systems (ICS) draft strategies	Strategy delivery/action plans to be presented to committee	Item to be added to Committee's Work Programme when update is available
5 January 2023	Autism Services	To provide a further update on Autism Services, both from an ECC and NHS perspective, in 6 – 12 months' time	Item to be added to work programme when agreed date has been confirmed

Report title: Childrens Community Health Services Mid and South Essex	
Report to: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Report author: Helen Farmer Deputy Director for Children & Young People Mid and South Essex ICB	
Date: 6 April 2023	For: Discussion
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a written update regarding children's community services previously delivered by Mid and South Essex Foundation Trust (MSEFT) at the Lighthouse Child Development Centre. This follows the transfer of these services to Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) on the 1st March 2022.
- 1.2 This report follows on from previous reports presented to HOSC the latest being in October 2022.
- 1.3 The strategy to improve the delivery of healthcare has reached phase 3 where Mid and South Essex has begun the co-production and codesign programme with clinicians, parents and children to work with the Community Collaborative (EPUT, North East London Foundation and Provide) to ensure children and their families receive appropriate care in a timely way and close to their home and community.

2. Action required

- 2.1 Members are asked to note:
 - The update and service improvements implemented in regard to the Lighthouse provision in South West Essex.
 - The continued codesign and partnership working with families to ensure service improvements are informed by family's needs and experience.
 - The ICB and EPUT contractual monitoring and Service Development and Improvement Plan has been approved and implementation has started with weekly monitoring of referral to treatment pathways and monthly service development meetings.
 - MSE ICS Strategy continues to support babies, children and young people as a priority area.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Lighthouse Child Development Centre provides community Children's services for the population of Castle Point and Rochford and Southend which has a children's population of 79,686 . Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation

Trust wrote to the CCGs on the 19th May 2021 informing them of their intention to cease provision and willingness to work collaboratively to transfer the service to another provider(s).

3.2 The CCGs and MSEFT worked with the Mid and South Essex Community Collaborative to arrange the transfer of the service to a safe and appropriate provider cumulating in the contract transferring to EPUT on the 1st March 2022.

3.3 The centre functions as a multi-agency facility for the benefit of children and their families. The environment is conducive to multi-agency working and supports the Team around the Child model of delivery. The services offered include:

- Multidisciplinary assessments and early support
- Developmental, behavioural and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) clinics
- Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy, speech therapy
- Audiology services
- Assessments to support the Education Health and Care Plans and Initial Health Assessments for Children who are in the care of the Authority.

4. Update

4.1 EPUT staff continue to focus on improving the experience of families and children receiving the services delivered from the Lighthouse. There is continued commitment to working in partnership with stakeholders and listening to family's feedback.

4.2 Opportunities for families to be involved are offered through a variety of approaches including coffee morning events, staff visiting local clubs and charity organisations and establishment of the Lighthouse Family Panel. These continued to be shaped and supported by the Parent Carer Forums.

4.3 The feedback from families via the *I Want Great Care* approach has demonstrated this is having a positive impact with the scores demonstrating an upward trajectory.

4.4 However, challenges do remain regarding increased demand for specialist referrals and consequently long waiting times for some families. This is in line with nationally reported statistics for children's community services seen post the pandemic. The ICB, EPUT and NHSE are meeting weekly to track improvements in the referral to treatment pathways.

4.5 Additional funding has been provided by the ICB to ensure adequate resource is in place to address the backlog and to deliver the service improvement plan.

4.6 This has resulted in recruitment to additional staff to support skill mix approach and enhancing the multidisciplinary team for neurodiversity and specialist roles for children presenting with Tics and Tourette's.

4.7 EPUT continue to have dedicated resource for communication and engagement

or the Lighthouse improvement plan. This has resulted in codesigned information being available on the website to support families access services and to support families whilst waiting.

- 4.8 The service is now accepting referrals for young people aged 16-18 in line with the new criteria which addresses an historical gap in service.
- 4.9 There is greater integrated working with physical and mental health services. However there needs to be greater focus on working in partnership with local authorities to ensure the universal and graduated response for children and young people with special education needs provides support and earlier intervention.
- 4.10 There continues to be opportunities to develop wider transformation plan across Essex with initiatives such as the current ambitious redesign of Speech and Language, Occupational therapy, and Physiotherapy for children. Ensuring that communication, functional independence, and physical development is embedded in all parts of our system.
- 4.11 The continued pressure and focus on delivering ASD diagnosis is reported nationally and across Essex our 5 providers have established an agreed model of delivery based on the NHSE best practice guidelines and have aligned reporting. This has been informed and supported by a shared set of outcomes developed by parents and carers.
- 4.12 The system partners are working together through a number of forums to strengthen and ensure families and children with concerns around developmental and neurodivergent receive the support and care they require based on presenting needs. This is being facilitated through the Essex wide forums.
- 4.13 In the wider children's community context in addition to the opportunities and advancement mentioned in previous papers Mid and South Essex ICS has progressed in several other areas. These include:
- The roll out of Mental health Support Teams for schools as part of wave 7 and 9 working in partnership with local schools and ECC education leads.
 - Additional resource from NHSE to develop specialist Epilepsy nurse role for ASD and Learning Disability.
 - Secured NHSE Early Years Funding for Oral Health and Hygiene
 - The development of a Post Diagnostic Neurodiversity digital offer in partnership with KIDS.
 - Establishment of a children health panel to support the strategic direction of the ICB.

5. List of Appendices – none

Report title: Chairman's Report	
Report to: Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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Date: 6 April 2023	For: Information
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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 (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 A small number of members of the committee had a meeting with health service officers on 29 March 2023 in relation to Section 106 funds. Further informal meetings will take place before being presented at a formal committee meeting.

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: 6 April 2023	For: Discussion
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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.

4. Update and Next Steps

Oral updates to be given.

5. List of Appendices – none

Report title: Work Programme	
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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 – April 2023

Date	Topic Title	Lead Contact/Cabinet Member	Purpose and Target Outcomes	Cross Committee Work Identified (where applicable)
April 2023				
April 2023	South-East Essex Community Children’s Services – Lighthouse Child Development Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Helen Farmer, Interim Director for Children and Young People and LD, Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System	To receive an update following the transfer of the Lighthouse Child Development Centre to EPUT	
April 2023	East of England Ambulance Service Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Tom Abell, Chief Executive, East of England Ambulance Service Trust	Further update to be provided on progress against CQC recommendations	
May 2023				
No formal meeting				
June 2023				
June 2023	Mental Health Services for Young People Task and Finish Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cllr Tony Ball, Cabinet Member for Education Excellence, Life Long Learning and Employability▪ Cllr John Spence, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health	To receive an update on the progress being made against the recommendations put forward by the Task and Finish Group in December 2022	People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee

		Cllr Kevin Bentley, Leader of the Conservative Group		
April 2023	Dementia Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alfred Bandakpara-Taylor, MSE ICB ▪ Robert Chandler, SNEE ICB ▪ Jo Reay, HWE ICB ▪ Melanie Williamson, ECC 	To receive an update dementia diagnosis delays that have been reported nationally, and what the picture in Essex currently looks like	

Items to be programmed				
Date	Topic Title	Lead Contact/Cabinet Member	Purpose and Target Outcomes	Cross Committee Work Identified (where applicable)
TBC	NHS Section 106 monies		<p>To receive a briefing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are S106 monies assigned to the health service and who agrees the figure(s) • What the process is for the health service to claim such monies in order to fund new/improve existing services • How aware are the health service that S106 is available to them 	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who monitors what has been allocated 	
TBC	NHS Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anthony McKeever, Chief Executive, Mid and South Essex ICB Jane Halpin, Chief Executive, Hertfordshire and West Essex ICB Ed Garratt, Chief Executive, Suffolk and North East Essex ICB Paul Scott, Chief Executive, EPUT Jacqui Van Rossum, Chief Executive, NELFT Tom Abell, Chief Executive, East of England Ambulance Service Trust Cllr John Spence, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health Nick Presmeg, Executive Director for Adult Social Care 	<p>To receive information on workforce planning, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current headcount compared against total number of roles and total number of training places Number of agency staff in post and costs Understanding of why people are leaving roles Strategy to grow the workforce Communication with colleges and universities around future staff requirements Priority given to areas shorter on staff than others 	People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee

TBC	Princess Alexandra Hospital Redevelopment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lance McCarthy, Chief Executive, PAH 	<p>To receive written update on the new hospital development, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sharing detailed plans of new hospital site ▪ Confirmation of date for planning application submission 	
TBC	Linden Centre Inquiry – Essex Partnership University Foundation Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paul Scott, Chief Executive, EPUT ▪ Cllr John Spence, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health ▪ Nick Presmeg, Executive Director for Adult Social Care 	To review appropriate scrutiny once the inquiry has concluded in 2023	
TBC	NHS 111	TBC	To receive an update to include the impact of residents that are being referred to this service by GP practices	
TBC	Digitalisation of access to health	TBC	<p>What are possibilities How will it move health service forward Capturing patients who aren't digital yet Pros and cons Patient feedback – Healthwatch</p>	

TBC	Community Beds Programme – Mid and South Essex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Claire Hankey, Director of Communications and Engagement, Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System 	To receive further update on how the programme is progressing	
TBC	Hospital Waiting Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anthony McKeever, Chief Executive, Mid and South Essex ICB ▪ Jane Halpin, Chief Executive, Hertfordshire and West Essex ICB ▪ Ed Garratt, Chief Executive, Suffolk and North East Essex ICB 	Ambulance Waiting Times A&E Elective surgeries (pre and post Covid) Referral delays Cancer services	
TBC	Dentistry (NHS England)	TBC	Number of private/NHS dentists Availability issues/solutions Delivering services in different ways How are allocations of services determined	