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Committee Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny

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SPECIALIST COMMISSIONING – MOORFIELDS EYE HOSPITAL

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Recommendation:

- (i) To note the launch of a public consultation on a proposal to bring services from Moorfields' main City Road hospital site and the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology to a new purpose -built centre.
 - (ii) To discuss the level of oversight required, if any, by the Essex HOSC considering the intention that a North Central London Joint HOSC will be monitoring the progress of the consultation.
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Background

Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is proposing to relocate all the services currently provided at Moorfields' City Road site in Islington, London (along with the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology and Moorfields Eye Charity) to a brand new integrated, purpose-built hospital on land that has become available at the St Pancras Hospital site in Camden, London, subject to public consultation.

Two letters received in relation to the above proposal are attached as Appendices. The public consultation has been launched and runs through to 16 September 2019 and can be accessed from this link – <https://oriel-london.org.uk/>

Moorfields Eye Hospital serves the national population. Accordingly, under applicable health regulations, local authorities are expected to convene a joint scrutiny arrangement. To this end, the existing Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for North Central London is proposing to act as scrutiny lead. In view of this the Essex HOSC may wish to consider the extent of any continued oversight over this proposal.