



Essex County Council

# Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee

<b>10:30</b>	<b>Wednesday, 09 February 2022</b>	<b>Council Chamber County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH</b>
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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.
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- 11 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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### **12 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

<b>Report title:</b> Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest	
<b>Report to:</b> Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
<b>Report author:</b> Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager	
<b>Date:</b> 9 February 2022	<b>For:</b> Information
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<b>County Divisions affected:</b> 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 Mark Cory	
Councillor Martin Foley	
Councillor Paul Gadd	
Councillor Dave Harris	Vice-Chairman
Councillor June Lumley	
Councillor Luke Mackenzie	
Councillor Bob Massey	
Councillor Jaymey McIvor	
Councillor Anthony McQuiggan	
Councillor Clive Souter	Vice-Chairman
Councillor Mike Steptoe	

#### Co-opted Non-Voting Membership

Councillor David Carter	Harlow District Council
Councillor Peter Tattersley	Braintree 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 County Hall, Chelmsford on Thursday 6 January 2022 at 10:30am**

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**Present**

Cllr Jeff Henry (Chairman)	Cllr Carlie Mayes (Co-opted)
Cllr David Carter (Co-opted)	Cllr Anthony McQuiggan
Cllr Paul Gadd	Cllr Clive Souter (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Dave Harris (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr Mike Steptoe
Cllr Bob Massey	

**Apologies**

Cllr Mark Cory	Cllr Jaymey Mclvor
Cllr Luke Mackenzie	Cllr Lynda McWilliams

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The following officers were supporting the meeting:

- Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager
- Michael Hayes, Democratic Services Assistant.

**1. Membership, apologies and declarations**

Apologies were received from Cllr Cory, Cllr Mackenzie, Cllr Mclvor and Cllr McWilliams.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2 December 2021 were approved by the committee as an accurate record.

**3. Questions from the public**

No questions from members of the public were received.

**4. East of England Ambulance Service Trust**

The Chairman welcomed Tom Abell, Chief Executive of the East of England Ambulance Service Trust (EEAST) to the meeting and congratulated the Trust on its award of Freedom of the Borough in Basildon.

The Committee received the following update covering the following key issues:

- Tom joined EEAST as Chief Executive in August 2021
- Acknowledgement that the trust has been troubled for some time in terms of response times and cultural issues, which were exposed through the Care Quality Commission (CQC) report
- A number of measures have been put in place since August 2021 and work to improve culture is underway

- To date, over half of the CQC recommendations have been closed, with the remainder expected to be closed over the next three months
- Currently experiencing high levels of staff absence, with around 400 people a day currently off with Covid-19 in Essex at the moment
- Trust has reallocated how employees are deployed across the organisation to meet demands
- EEAST has appointed a number of permanent Directors, roles which were previously filled on an interim basis
- Trust is working on governance processes and ways of working to ensure it is operating effectively
- Reviewing how they are working with hospitals and care providers in Essex to ensure handover times are kept under control
- System Oversight Framework (category 4) is the equivalent of being in special measures
- 80% of CQC actions have been completed. Remaining 20% should be completed within the next three months
- Timetable for coming out of special measures is 12 – 18 months
- Morale at EEAST is poor due to history and perception that concerns have not been taken seriously. Most common complaint is stress and anxiety, late shift finishes. 90% increase in contacts using the Freedom to Speak Up service
- They are now moving crews who are nearing the end of their shifts to nearer their local station, and do not send them on any critical incident jobs within the last hour of the shift
- Welfare wagons have been introduced across the Trust
- Recruitment is a challenge and are working with Education England on how they can support people into the ambulance service
- Working with hospitals to agree a space close to A&E which has beds and oxygen which is staffed by officers from EEAST. This helps get ambulance crews back on the road sooner to attend more patients
- Patients are prioritised in the clinically effective possible by senior clinicians
- Co-response model works with another emergency service to respond to certain categories of calls. In Bedfordshire, the fire service respond to cardiac arrests, falls and bariatric issues
- 90% of EEAST staff have been vaccinated against Covid-19.

After discussion, it was **Resolved** that:

- i) Routine data will be shared every two months (15/16 mins)
- ii) Performance data provided monthly, showing trends in graphs, including geographic specific data – dashboard data shared, trend information shared
- iii) Bring one or two of the new directors with him to the next update in August 2022. Update on performance figures and also backgrounds

## 5. Chairman's Report

The Committee noted the information update within the Chairman's report.

## 6. Member Updates

The following updates were provided to the Committee:

**7. Work Programme**

The Committee noted the current work programme.

**8. Date of next meeting**

To note that the next committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 9 February 2022 at 10:30am.

**9. Urgent business**

No urgent business received.

**10. Urgent exempt business**

No urgent exempt business received.

The meeting closed at 11:33am.

**Chairman**



<b>Report title:</b> Community Children's Services – South East Essex	
<b>Report to:</b> Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
<b>Report author:</b> Helen Farmer, Interim Director for Children and Young People and Learning Disabilities, Mid and South Essex Clinical Commissioning Group	
<b>Date:</b> 9 February 2022	<b>For:</b> Discussion
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<b>County Divisions affected:</b> Not applicable	

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline the current position and proposed arrangements for the safe transfer of South East Essex Community Children's services currently provided by Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust (MSEFT) within the Lighthouse Child Development Centre to Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) during March 2022.
- 1.2 During 2022 MSE Health Care Partnership will also commence a co-design programme with all key stakeholders to continue to transform Children's Community services to ensure children and 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:
  - i) The planned transfer of service provision for South East Essex Community Children's Services to Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) during March 2022.
  - ii) Plans to commence on a co-design programme to further transform Community Children's Services across Mid and South Essex Health Care Partnership Integrated Care System.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 The Lighthouse Child Development Centre provides community Children's services for the population of Castle Point and Rochford Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Southend CCG (79,686 children for South East Essex in total).
- 3.2 The Lighthouse Centre is a bright, modern, child and parent friendly purpose-built venue. The centre provides services for children up to the age of 16. The service provides specialised outpatient care for those with significant delay in more than one area of development and have or are likely to require the support from more than one secondary agency, service or discipline.
- 3.3 The centre functions as a multi-agency facility for the benefit of children and their families. The centre provides an environment that 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.

- 3.4 There have been significant challenges to some areas of service delivery over the years primarily through workforce issues including long term sick leave, recruitment, and retention.
- 3.5 Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust wrote to the CCG on the 19 May 2021 informing them of their intention to cease provision and willingness to work collaboratively to transfer the service to another provider(s).
- 3.6 Out of scope are the other services provided from The Lighthouse, including audiology, speech and language therapy, specialist school nursing, specialist health visitor, the Play and Parenting Advisor service and the toy library which are commissioned by Local Authority, Public health and EPUT.
- 3.7 In response the CCG has been working closely with the Community Collaborative, formed of EPUT, Provide and NELFT, to develop a solution which will address the current challenges faced by the service and offer a longer-term sustainable commissioning model. EPUT currently deliver a range of wider children's community services and aligning this provision offers the opportunity to maximise integration and offer a seamless and coordinated care for children and families.
- 3.8 During the review of the current service provision immediate action was taken to extend service provision to 18 years old, with sufficient resources put in place to support this change in service model.
- 3.9 Throughout the transfer process information has been shared with key stakeholders and weekly meetings held with Southend and Essex Parent Forum for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) to ensure effective engagement at this time. Although this is an anxious time for staff, stakeholders and families the response has been a positive one, welcoming this opportunity to improve service provision.

#### **4. Update and Next Steps**

- 4.1 Following the safe transfer of services to EPUT the Health and Care Partnership will continue to work together with the Community Collaborative to improve the quality-of-service provision for children and young people and their families across all current NHS providers including EPUT, North East London NHS Foundation Trust (NELFT) and Provide. The outcome of this work would be to:

- Reduce unwarranted variation in outcomes and access to services
- Reduce health inequalities
- Build greater resilience across the system
- Coordinate the challenges to workforce recruitment, retention, Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- Consider consolidation of low volume and highly specialist services

- Deliver efficiencies through economies of scale
- Effectively coproduce and codesign with children and young people and their families
- Greater integration of services both across the health economy and with wider agency partners.

**5. List of Appendices – none.**

<b>Report title:</b> Urgent and Emergency Performance Update – ESNEFT	
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**1. Introduction**

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

**2. Action required**

- 2.1 To consider the appendices attached East Suffolk and North Essex (ESNEFT) NHS Foundation Trust.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 The HOSC previously discussed A&E pressures, seasonal planning and admission avoidance in November 2020. The discussion had been pitched more at an operational level.
- 3.2 They have been asked to respond to the information requested as laid out below in their report:

Lines of enquiry:

- To understand the pressures faced in A&E and emergency departments during the winter of 2019/20;
- To assess the success of the advance planning undertaken and lessons learnt.
- To assess the extent of partnership working in continuing to address pressures (including admission avoidance).
- To understand if the pressures are no longer specific to winter and any need for

- contingency planning at other times of the year.

4. List of Appendices - Urgent and Emergency Performance Update – ESNEFT

# Report for Essex Health Overview Policy Scrutiny Committee

Acute performance at East Suffolk and North Essex NHS  
Foundation Trust

February 2022



# About this report

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust provides acute and community health services to a population of almost 1 million.

Due to the nature of how the Trust manages information, some of the data in this report is combined. Where this is the case, a narrative for Colchester Hospital and north east Essex has been added.

## A guide to terms used in this report:

<b>UTC</b>	Urgent Treatment Centre. These are at Colchester and Clacton hospitals and a satellite nurse-led unit at Harwich.
<b>ED</b>	Emergency Department
<b>AMSDEC</b>	Acute Medical Same Day Emergency Care. A clinical area in Colchester Hospital
<b>RTT</b>	Referral to treatment
<b>HALO</b>	Hospital Ambulance Liaison Officer – ambulance colleague working with our clinical team
<b>MDT</b>	Multi-disciplinary team
<b>Elective</b>	Care that is planned and not the result of a health emergency
<b>PTL</b>	Patient Treatment List
<b>Red day tracker</b>	system for managing patients in hospital for more than 14 days who could be discharged or transferred
<b>Criteria to reside</b>	the consideration given to whether a patient is well enough to remain in an acute hospital

# Overall performance for December 2021 – the latest confirmed data

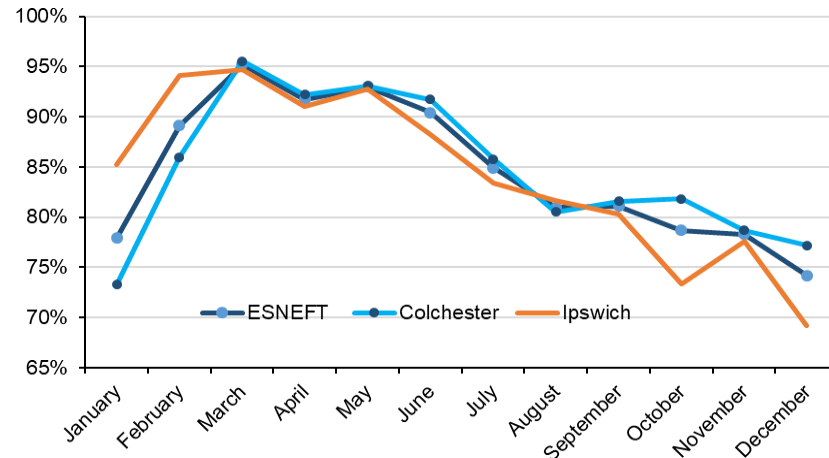
Performance Area	Performance measure	Target	Latest Month		Trend	
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Emergency Department	Four hour standard	95.0%	74.2%	77.2%	-4.1%	-1.5%
	Time to initial assessment - 95th pct	15 mins	24	19	2	2
	Time to initial assessment - percentage within 15 minutes (new measures)		83.9%	86.0%	-1.0%	-7.6%
	Time to treatment - median time in department	60 mins	79	51	0	-9
	Average (mean) time in department - non-admitted patients (new measure)		154	190	-49	-71
	Average (mean) time in department - admitted patients (new measure)		246	273	-130	-175
	Patients spending more than 12 hours in A&E		570	525	86	78
	Proportion of ambulance handovers within 15 minutes (new measure)		21.2%	16.3%	-0.1%	2.0%
Cancer	% Patients seen within 2 weeks from urgent GP referral	93%	75.6%		3.3%	
	% patients 28 day faster diagnosis		63.6%		1.3%	
	%patients waiting no more than 62 days from GP urgent referral to first treatment	85%	75.4%		-1.8%	
Diagnostics	% patients waiting 6 weeks or more for a diagnostic test**	1%	30.4%		7.3%	
	% of incomplete pathways within 18 weeks**	92%	66.2%		-1.5%	
RTT	Total RTT waiting list (open pathways)**		63,930		12	
	Total 52+ waits	736 (Trajectory)	1990		143	

\*\*December 2021 figures include patients treated in private setting under the patient choice agenda for November 2021

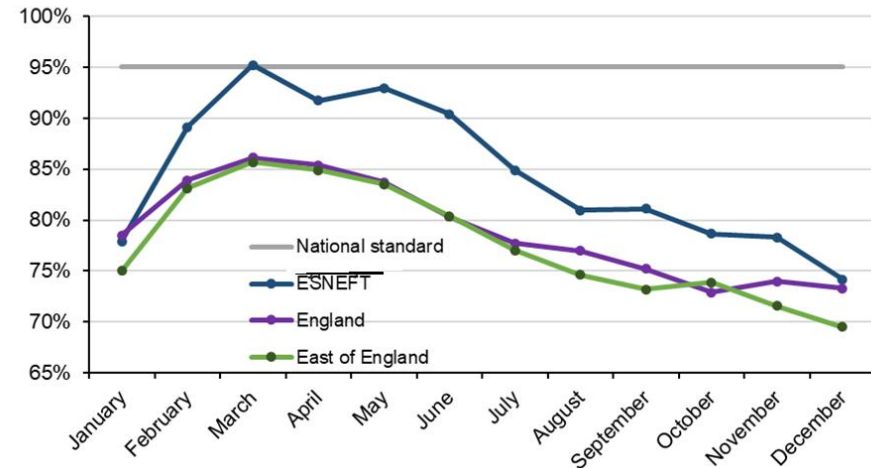


**Urgent and emergency care – ED Performance:** ESNEFT performance sits above the national average. Colchester and NEE performance was 77.2%

ED Performance: Four hour standard



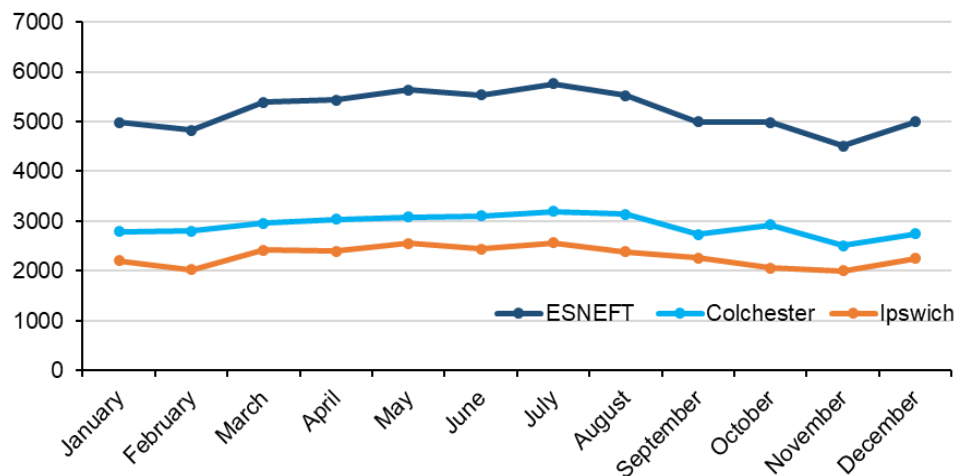
ED Performance: Four hour standard - benchmarking



Colchester's issues with performance have been driven predominantly by bed flow in early December but still performing well in comparison to the regional average. We also saw a decrease in attendance at the UTC which may be attributed in part to the seasonal period and avoidance due to ongoing rises in Omicron. Early January saw the same picture however performance in Colchester during the latter part of January has improved finishing at just short of 80%

**Urgent and emergency care – ambulance activity:** The number of ambulances during December increased in month by over 10% across ESNEFT, increasing by 9.5% at Colchester.

Ambulances: Number of handovers



We have been working closely with the HALO and continuing to cohort patients with a safety nurse enable these ambulances to be released back on to the road.

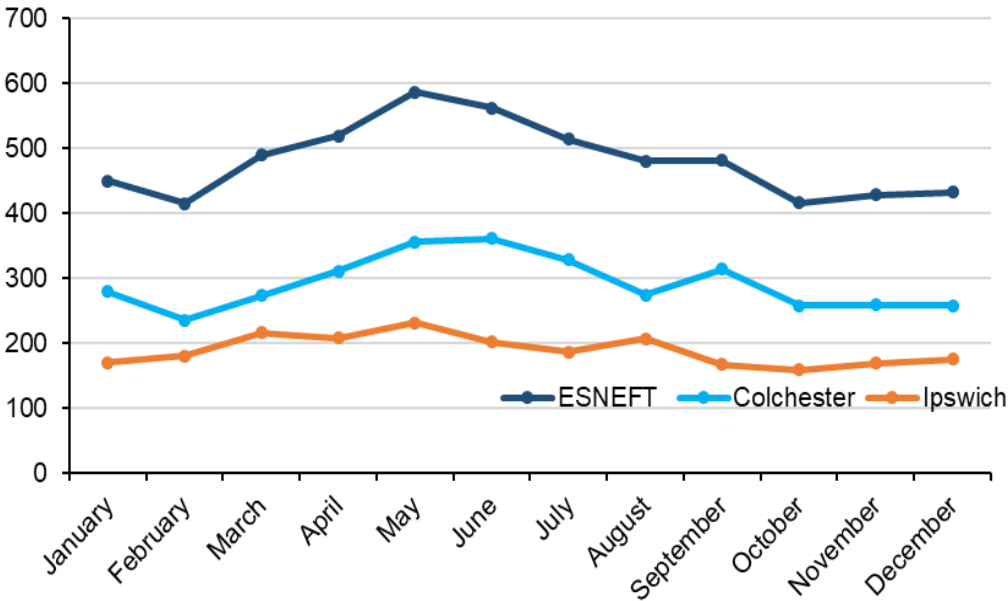
The emergency department has reconfigured its environment to provide a surge area, when possible, to support timely ambulance handovers.

Staff work together to ensure we have the correct mix of doctors to patients at the correct times. The average time in the emergency department has continued to decrease for admitted as well as non admitted patients.

These improvements have resulted in some of the lowest ambulance handover delays in the region.

**Urgent care – Mental Health:** Mental Health presentations continue to decrease.

Number of ED attendances due to Mental Health



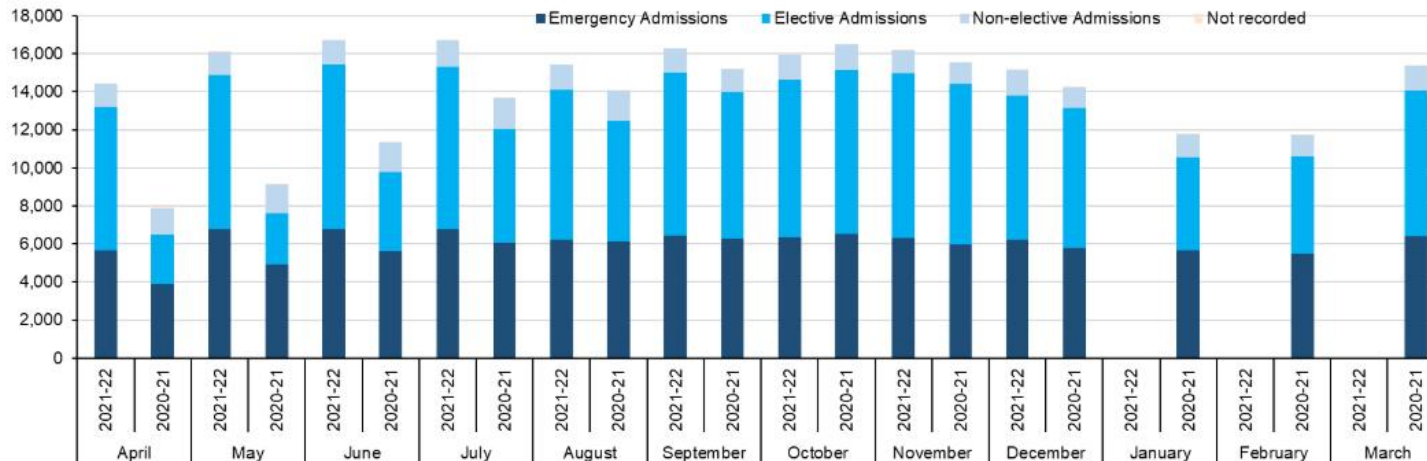
In December there was an increase in system wide pressures resulting in delays in assessment and transfer when a MH bed is required.

We are developing proposals for a mental health assessment site at Colchester Hospital. We have also seen the introduction of the crisis cafes which have prevented many people turning to ED for a form of support as no other service available

The department continues to see 12 hour delays for mental health patients as a result of closed and/or reduced mental health services across the region. This increase in time has been predominantly within children and young people.

## Admissions: Emergency admissions and elective admissions decreased by 1.2% and 12.4% respectively last month

Admissions: Inpatient spells by admission type



Combined ESNEFT data

Emergency admissions  
**6,247**  
vs 6,323 last month

Elective admissions  
**7,568**  
vs 8,635 last month

Non-elective admissions  
**1,335**  
vs 1,220 last month

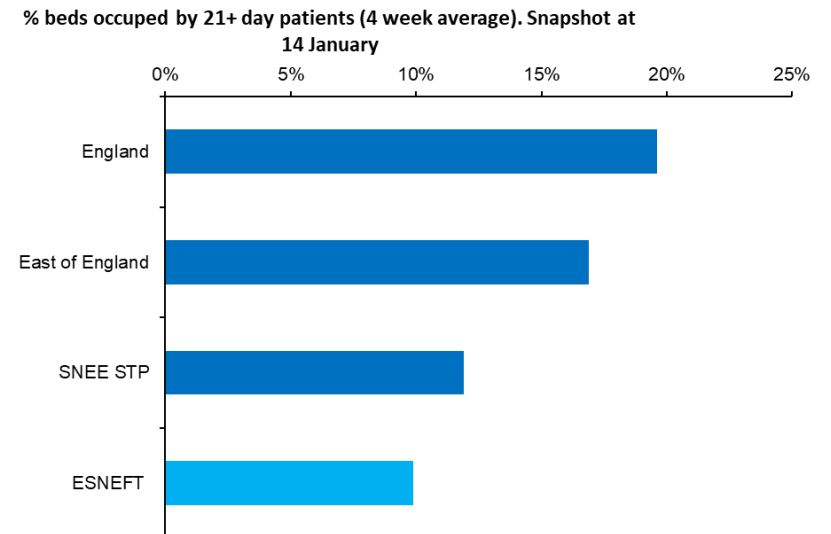
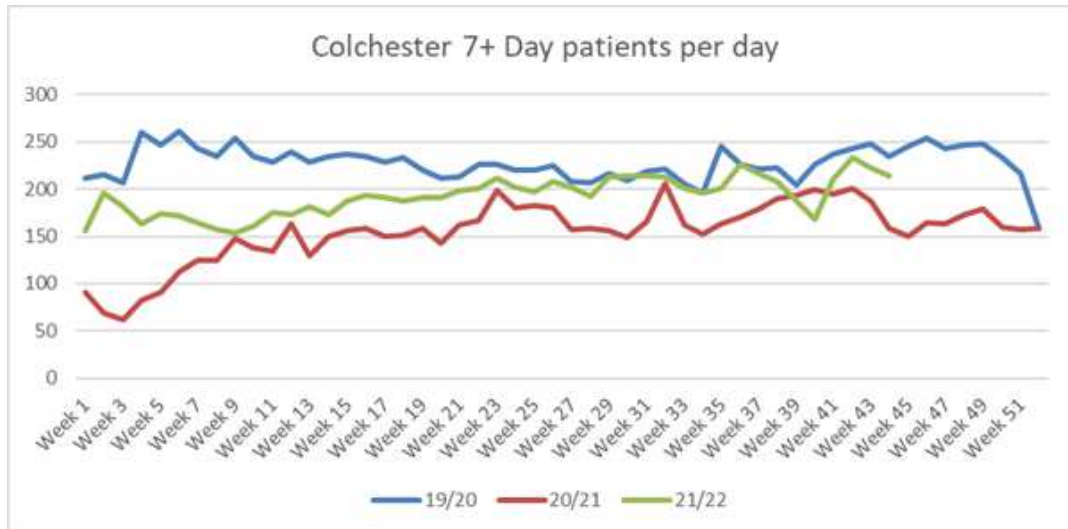
Total admissions  
**15,153**  
vs 16,185 last month

Teams across the service continue to work together to ensure that patients are only admitted when clinically necessary. Focus remains on discharging our patients home and to alternative care settings. Leading up to the Christmas weekend MDT patient review panels were held daily led by executives.

These proved to be beneficial and have continued throughout the month of January and supported with weekend capacity and flow, as well as the reduced capacity position due to closed empty beds.

The 'Home for Christmas' initiative resulted in Colchester releasing 162 beds going into the holiday period.

**Inpatients:** The number of long length of stay patients across ESNEFT in December 2021 was consistent on the previous month, remaining lower than national and regional levels. Length of stay at Colchester Hospital is now less than it was before the COVID-19 pandemic.



December was a challenging month in relation to the continued impact of the Omicron variant as well as the lack of domiciliary and reablement care to support timely discharge of our patients.

By further supplementing the impact of our Red Day Tracker with daily senior internal/external NEE system reviews of all patients who do not meet the criteria to reside, we have continued to maximize every discharge opportunity.

# Supporting discharge and transfer of care in NEE

The **Transfer of Care Hub** (sometimes referred to as the Discharge Hub) based at Colchester Hospital is a priority COVID Response Service and manages complex discharges from the acute and community hospital wards. This is for patients who require additional support and packages of care.

A multi-disciplinary team includes nurses, therapists, nurse assessors, case managers and administrative staff working alongside colleagues from across the NEE health and care system, including Adult Social Care, ECL providers, Housing and our two voluntary sector partners Community 360 and CVS Tendring.

The Hub provides:

- Twice-daily system-wide MDTs; working alongside social care, voluntary sector and commissioner colleagues to expedite very complex discharges and to seek out alternative solutions where care provision is stretched
- Escorted Transport service supported by the voluntary sector and our nurses/therapists; settling patients at home and ensuring that their environment is safe
- Extending support to carers through the introduction of Age Concern services at the Community Hospitals and supporting patients who are at end of life to die in their preferred place of care
- The use of personal budgets to provide one off payments eg for repair of a heating system
- Follow-up calls to both care homes and to patients who have returned home, to resolve any problems and prevent re-admission
- Support from Housing to tackle issues around housing and homelessness and the provision of Winter Packs and food packages, supported by our voluntary sector colleagues
- Focussing on social as well as health needs, working with Social Prescribers to provide wrap-around support for up to 6 weeks



# Cancer performance

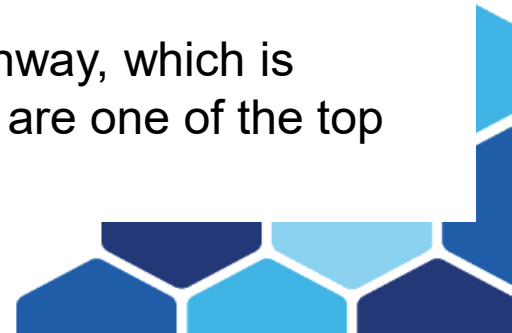
We have seen a marked and sustained increase in cancer referrals over the course of the pandemic.

Our overall performance for the 62 day target was 75% in December against a target of 85%

- 2ww referrals 40.4% increase in since 2019
- 31 day first treatment 36.8% increase since 2019
- 62 day first treatment 40% increase since 2019
- Consultant upgrades (those patients referred onto a cancer treatment plan from non-cancer initial referral) 69.7% increase since 2019

Whilst the percentage has increased, performance on Cancer treatment has remained generally the same, including cancer surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

In November 2021 we saw 3,838 patients at ESNEFT on a 2ww pathway, which is roughly 600-700 patients more than the average month in 2019. We are one of the top five NHS organisations for total volume of cancer treatments.



# Elective care recovery

ESNEFT introduced a range of initiatives to help reduce the backlog as part of the Suffolk and North East Essex ICS implementation of the national accelerator programme for elective care, which launched in April 2021.

These include:

- Introducing “blue cards”, or patient-initiated follow ups. This gives patients the chance to get in touch if they have any concerns rather than booking them in automatically for a follow up. As well as reducing waiting times and footfall on our sites, the blue card is also improving people’s experience when accessing care by making sure they only return to hospital if they have a clinical need.
- Arranging “big weekends” to block-clear a backlog of appointments.
- Taking on additional overtime to tackle lists.
- Introducing new ways of working and using staff differently to improve efficiency.

As a result of these initiatives, the number of patients who have been overdue a follow up appointment for six months has reduced by a third, thanks to the hard work and collective dedication of colleagues across our Trust.





# Lessons learned from COVID-19

- In North East Essex, we have built on our existing good relationships within the NEE Alliance to enable us to transform our collaborative work to support people to keep well at home, to be discharged to an appropriate environment for ongoing care
- We planned and tested our bolstered Business Continuity plans which are now a part of our key business functions. This has helped us to be more flexible and responsive to an ever-changing environment
  - Availability of staffing
  - Relocating services
  - Surge and super-surge planning
- We have put in place a new staff wellbeing psychology service to support colleagues through complex ongoing emotional experiences.
- All of this knowledge will inform our planning as we move into next winter.



<b>Report title:</b> Chairman's Report	
<b>Report to:</b> Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
<b>Report author:</b> Richard Buttress, Democratic Services Manager	
<b>Date:</b> 9 February 2022	<b>For:</b> Information
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## 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. The Forum met virtually on Monday 17 January 2022 to confirm the agenda for the February HOSC meeting:
- South-East Essex Community Children's Services – Lighthouse Child Development Centre
  - A&E pressures/Seasonal pressures/admissions avoidance.
- 4.2. The Forum also met informally with Patricia D'Orsi, Castle Point and Rochford Clinical Commissioning Group to discuss the proposed agenda item and content report for the Lighthouse Child Development Centre and were provided with the below information:
- 4.3 Letter received in May 2021 advising they are withdrawing the provision for the Lighthouse Centre, with immediate effect. Procurement advice however advised to novate the contract into local community providers; Provide, NELFT and EPUT, who have come together in a formal arrangement as a community collaborative. The intention is to novate the contract on 1 March 2022.

4.4 Plan post 1 March 2022 is to go into a six-month window to create an operating framework and develop a children's plan with the University of Essex and Better Start Southend. The plan will show the different offers for children.

4.5 Autism Spectrum Disorder historical backlog will be back to normal level in June 2022.

**5. List of Appendices – none**

<b>Report title:</b> Member Updates	
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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

<b>Report title:</b> 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

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Work Programme – February 2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Theme/Focus</b>	<b>Approach and next steps</b>
<b>February 2022</b>			
February 2022	South-East Essex Community Children's Services – Lighthouse Child Development Centre	Committee to receive a briefing from NHS Alliance Director and Senior Responsible Officer for Children and Young People	
<b>March 2022</b>			
March 2022	Maternity Services at ESNEFT	Committee to receive a progress update on the implementation of recommendations from the CQC.	
March 2022	GP Provision in Essex	<p>Committee to receive a briefing comprising of the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of GP provision across Essex, including staffing levels, recruitment plans, overall service performance</li> <li>- Digitalisation of access to health</li> <li>- Extended hours programme for a number of GP services</li> </ul>	
<b>April 2022</b>			

April 2022	Princess Alexandra Hospital	Committee to receive an update from Princess Alexandra Hospital on its redevelopment plans	
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Items to be programmed	Topic	Theme/Focus	Approach and next steps
TBC	Autism Strategy	<p>Committee to receive an update on Autism Services following initial report in January 2021. Scope set out as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Referral and diagnosis times</li> <li>▪ Transitions between children and adult services</li> <li>▪ The number of people across Essex affected by Autism</li> <li>▪ The impact of Covid-19 on Children's Autism services.</li> </ul>	
TBC	Mental Health Services	Committee to receive a further update on the mental health response to the pandemic and future service planning for changes in demand.	
TBC	New NHS Hubs	Further scoping required.	

TBC	Essex Partnership University Foundation Trust (EPUT Linden Centre review	Further scoping required.	
TBC	Hospital waiting times – overview of all Essex hospitals	Further scoping required.	
End of Summer 2022	Winter Flu Rates	Further scoping required.	
TBC	NHS 111 – impact of GP's directing people to that service	Further scoping required.	
TBC	Section 106 monies within the NHS	Further scoping required.	



<b>Report title:</b> Future meeting dates	
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## 1. Introduction

The following dates have been published as committee activity dates for the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the next municipal year:

- Thursday 5 May 2022
- Thursday 9 June 2022
- Thursday 7 July 2022
- Thursday 1 September 2022
- Thursday 6 October 2022
- Thursday 3 November 2022
- Thursday 1 December 2022
- Thursday 5 January 2023
- Thursday 2 February 2023
- Thursday 2 March 2023
- Thursday 6 April 2023

Members have been requested to set aside both the mornings and afternoons (between 9.30am and 3.30pm) of these dates in their diaries for performing committee business when a variety work and meetings will be planned across the year to address the demands of its work programme.