

Report title: Chairman's Report	
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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. Linden Centre, Chelmsford

The forum met with Paul Scott, Chief Executive of Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) and Alexandra Green, Chief Operating Officer of EPUT on Friday 29 July 2022 to discuss the proposed visit to the Linden Centre by the HOSC's Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

- 4.2 The Linden Centre provides adult and children's inpatient mental health care. Its ambition is to be a leading mental health provider and be a safe and effective partner to other organisations.

- 4.3 A new leadership team has been appointed within EPUT who have launched a 'Safety First, Safety Always' strategy with an initial focus on patient safety and more information on this will be brought to a future HOSC meeting.

- 4.4 Explained that there is an international shortage of nurses which makes recruitment difficult.

- 4.5 The visit to the Linden Centre will take place on 5 September 2022 and will

include seeing the following areas:

- Galleywood/Finchingfield wards at the Linden Centre
- Topaz ward at the Crystal Centre
- Mother and baby unit
- On site intensive care unit

4.6 **St Peter's Maternity Unit, Maldon**

On Monday 15 August 2022, the HOSC Chairman was notified by the Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System had taken the decision to temporarily suspend deliveries at the midwifery led birthing unit at St Peter's Hospital.

5. List of Appendices

App A: Letter from Mid and South Essex ICS