

## HOSC/29/11

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### **SOUTH WEST ESSEX COMMUNITY CONTRACEPTION SERVICES**

Report by Graham Redgwell, Secretary to the Committee

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In the summer, Members were consulted on a proposal by NHS South West Essex Community Services to restructure staffing arrangements within the Community Contraception Service. Given the geographical area covered by the Service, there was close liaison with Thurrock HOSC, so that a co-ordinated response could be sent.

Members from both HOSC's agreed that the proposals would strengthen clinical safety and provide an improved service for clients. It was noted that they had the support of clinicians and that services would be concentrated in Basildon (Great Oaks Health Centre), Brentwood (Community Hospital) and Thurrock (Grays Health Centre).

Both HOSC's supported the proposed changes, which are now being implemented.

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