

HOSC/24/11

Committee Health Overview and Scrutiny

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Review of Stroke Services

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The Care Quality Commission (CQC) review of stroke services was published in January 2011. A copy of that document is attached (Attachment A)

The East of England scored poorly as a whole. The issue was therefore raised initially at the Regional Health Chairs Forum. Given the disparity of outcomes, it was agreed that the issue should be looked at locally by individual HOSCs in the first instance.

The ratings given to the five Essex PCTs were as follows:-

PCT	SCORE OUT OF 5	CATEGORY
SOUTH WEST	3.2	BETTER PERFORMING
MID	2.73	FAIR
NORTH EAST	2.53	LEAST WELL PERFORMING
WEST	2.4	LEAST WELL PERFORMING
SOUTH EAST	1.87	LEAST WELL PERFORMING

The PCT clusters were invited to comment on how they are responding to the CQC Review for the 1 June 2011 HOSC meeting but, with limited responses received by the meeting date, Members agreed to defer the item until this meeting and that representatives from the two Clusters be invited to attend to provide further oral evidence.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care has expressed her own concerns, particularly in respect of South East Essex (the lowest scorer). Copies of correspondence she has had with the local PCT are attached (Attachment B)

A progress report/work plan received specifically for this meeting from NHS South East Essex PCT, on behalf of the south Cluster, is attached (Attachment C)

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Correspondence received from the north PCT Cluster just before the last meeting, is also attached. (Attachment D)

The Committee's views are sought