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Complex urological cancer surgery in Essex

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1. Purpose

On 1st April 2015 the Committee gave authority to establish a Joint Committee with Southend and Thurrock Unitaries to review NHS England proposals for the future provision of complex urological cancer surgery in Essex.

2. Background

NHS England is looking to concentrate the most complex specialist surgery for prostate, bladder and kidney cancers at one centre in Essex. The purpose of the Joint Committee is to consider these proposals.

3. Update

On 6 July 2016 NHS England issued a Stakeholder Bulletin announcing the conclusions of the Independent Panel established by them to evaluate the respective bids received from Colchester and Southend Hospitals to host the specialist centre for complex urological cancer surgery in Essex. The Panel is recommending Southend Hospital to host the facility. This announcement received significant local media coverage in subsequent days.

The Joint Committee will be reviewing the engagement and consultation process up to now and what is required going forward. The Joint Committee will be convening in the coming weeks.

4. Action required

As scrutiny of the proposals for complex urological cancer surgery will be undertaken by the Joint Committee, the HOSC is asked solely to note this update.