

Report title: Chairman's Report	
Report to: Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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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. The Chairman met virtually on Wednesday 13 October 2021 with:
- Claire Hankey, Mid and South Essex Health and Care Partnership
 - Andy Vowles, Cambridge Health Consulting
 - James Wilson, North East London NHS Foundation Trust
- 4.2. The purpose of the meeting was to receive an initial, informing briefing on changes to the provision of community beds and services across mid and south Essex, following several temporary changes that were made last year during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 4.3 They are now beginning to look at the longer-term future of those services and asked for the opportunity to begin early engagement with HOSC as they start to explore how things could be configured more permanently to best meet the needs of local residents.

Following discussion, the Forum **resolved** that a formal briefing would be provided to HOSC at its November 2021 meeting.

5. List of Appendices

App A: Bed Based Community Services