

Report of Chief Executive  
to  
People Scrutiny Committee

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**Scrutiny Committee - updates**  
***A Part 1 Agenda Item***

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**1. Purpose of Report**

To update the Committee on a number of health scrutiny matters and other matters relating to the work of the Committee.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the report and any actions taken be noted.
- 2.2 That the Report of the Task & Finish Group looking at mental health issues for children and young people in Essex be received and noted.

**3. NHS Southend CCG & Castle Point & Rochford CCG Consultation**

- 3.1 The above mentioned CCGs carried out a consultation on proposals to change the service restriction policy of 3 specific treatments - Gynaecomastia (enlargement of the male breast tissue); spine injections for back pain; implantation of toric lenses for corneal astigmatism during cataract surgery. The consultation ran from 21<sup>st</sup> February – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- 3.2 The consultation document was circulated to Committee members on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 and advised that this was now a joint consultation with NHS Castle Point and Rochford CCG and also that the consultation on bariatric surgery will be undertaken at another time. No comments were received from the Committee and the CCG was advised accordingly.
- 3.3 The CCG will report the outcomes from this consultation to the Clinical Executive Committee(s) and Governing Body and also keep the Committee informed throughout.

**4. Quality Report / Account – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee, as a statutory consultee is invited to comment on the draft Quality Accounts received from health bodies. Unfortunately there is no discretion in the statutory timescales. In 2016, the draft Quality Accounts from South Essex Partnership Trust (SEPT) and Southend Hospital were circulated to

Committee members for any comments and a submission was sent to the Trusts in the time frame (Minute 778 refers).

- 4.2 Quality Report / Account - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 - SEPT have advised that the draft Quality Account for 2016/17 will be sent on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017 and the Hospital have advised they will be sending through the document in the third week of April. The documents will be circulated to the Committee as soon as they are received. There is a requirement that any comments must be received by the Trusts within 30 days, in accordance with the Regulations.

## 5. Mental health services for children and young people

- 5.1 The Committee will recall that Councillors Boyd and Endersby joined this Essex HOSC Task & Finish Group looking at mental health issues for children and young people in Essex – refer to Minute 356 (October 2016) & Minute 501 (November 2016).
- 5.2 The focus of the Group was on the perception, awareness, signposting and accessibility to service aimed at children of school age. The Group were interested to see how the wider system worked and explored some of the issues around the level of coordination and joined up working between agencies.
- 5.3 The final report from the review has been considered and agreed by the Essex HOSC at its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March, with some minor amendments made. A copy of the summary report from the review is attached at **Appendix 1**. The full report has been placed in the members area. The Committee is asked to note the publication of the report.

## 6. Other matters

- 6.1 GP practice change – on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 the CCG advised about a change to the practice operating at the University of Essex, Southend Campus in Luker Road, Southend. This information was shared with the Chairman & Ward Councillors.

NHS Property had advised the CCG that the landlord to this practice will no longer offer the university building to the practice, which is a branch surgery to the Northumberland Avenue practice, which is not closing. There are about 5,000 on the whole registered list and that there is capacity in the local area to take any additional patients who choose to move following the change, which will be from October 2017. The CCG do know that there are a higher number of students registered at the practice and have said they will monitor student movement. The CCG have also said that they would be grateful for any feedback from Councillors on any increase in appointment times for residents in the central area, to enable them to investigate issues. The Committee is asked to note the position.

- 6.2 St Lukes Primary Care Development – the CCG has been asked to provide an update on this project which will be circulated as soon as it is received.
- 6.3 Update on SEPT/ NEP merger – the Committee will be aware of the proposed merger of SEPT and North East Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (NEP) on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to form Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT).

An update briefing note prepared by SEPT on this matter is attached at **Appendix 2** which the Committee is asked to note.

- 6.4 **Success Regime / STP** - as advised at the last meeting, the Regional Health Scrutiny officers group held a half day workshop on STP on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The meeting was facilitated by Brenda Cook, regional advisor with the Centre for Public Scrutiny and the training offered for all Eastern region health scrutiny Chairmen and Vice Chairmen and Scrutiny Officers and was attended by Cllr Moyies, Cllr Nevin and Fiona Abbott. A copy of the presentation slides have been placed in the members area.

Councillors Moyies, Nevin and Boyd met with the Essex CC HOSC Chairman and 2 other County Council HOSC members from the south east Essex area on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The meeting was held in Southend. They met with NHS England and discussed timelines and future work programming.

A special meeting of the Scrutiny Committee will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and NHS England have been requested to update the Committee on the clinical evidence base underpinning the proposals and potential (hospital) models, and for the business case to be shared with the Committee prior to the public consultation stage. Any slides from the meeting will be circulated.

- 6.5 **School achievement data** – at the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 it was agreed that a training session would be arranged for Committee members on this new annual set of data (Minute 691 refers). Six Councillors attended the session which took place on 21<sup>st</sup> March and was led by the Director of Learning.

## **7. Corporate Implications**

- 7.1 **Contribution to Council's Vision and Critical Priorities** – Becoming an excellent and high performing organisation.
- 7.2 **Financial Implications** – There are no financial implications arising from the contents of this report. The cost of any Joint Committee work can be met from existing resources.
- 7.3 **Legal Implications** – none.
- 7.4 **People Implications** – none.
- 7.5 **Property Implications** – none.
- 7.6 **Consultation** – as described in report.
- 7.7 **Equalities Impact Assessment** – none.
- 7.8 **Risk Assessment** – none.

## **8. Background Papers**

- Emails regarding CCG consultation
- Emails regarding Quality Accounts; letter from SEPT dated 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 regarding Quality Account / Report process and new organisation being created
- Emails regarding GP practice change
- Emails regarding SEPT / NEP merger update
- Emails with NHS England re SR
- Emails regarding arrangements for briefing re school achievement data

## **9. Appendices**

**Appendix 1 – Summary document**

**Appendix 2 – Briefing on SEPT / NEP merger**