

**Report of Chief Executive
to
People Scrutiny Committee**

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

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 updated protocols between the Scrutiny Committee and NHS Southend CCG, Healthwatch Southend and the Health & Wellbeing Board attached at **Appendices 1, 2 and 3** be agreed.

3. Protocols

- 3.1 At the meeting in October 2014, the Committee agreed updated protocols between the Scrutiny Committee and the Southend Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Scrutiny Committee and Healthwatch Southend (Minute 291 (a) refers). The protocols have now been updated again and are attached at **Appendices 1 and 2**.
- 3.2 The draft protocol between the Committee and the Health & Wellbeing Board was agreed at the meeting in October 2014 (Minute 291 (b) refers) and by the Board in January 2015 (Minute 638 refers). This protocol has also been updated and is attached at **Appendix 3**.
- 3.3 The updates are very minor in content and have been shared with the Southend CCG, Healthwatch Southend and the Board respectively. Any further comments received from the bodies will be reported verbally at the meeting. The Committee is asked to agree the updated protocols.

4. Success Regime and Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STP)

- 4.1 The Regional Health Scrutiny officers group has arranged a half day training session on STP on 6th February 2017. This will be facilitated by Brenda Cook, regional advisor with the Centre for Public Scrutiny and the training is being offered for all Eastern region health scrutiny Chairmen and Vice Chairmen and

Scrutiny Officers. The Committee is asked to note that Cllr Moyies, Cllr Nevin and Fiona Abbott plan to attend the session.

- 4.2 A special meeting of the Scrutiny Committee took place on 20th December 2016 at which the STP and the Success Regime were discussed. Following the meeting health have been asked to (a) provide the clinical evidence base underpinning the proposals and potential (hospital) models; and (b) for the business case to be shared with the Committee prior to the public consultation stage, at a special meeting of the Committee. Attached at **Appendix 4** is a short update on the STP for mid and south Essex.

5. In depth scrutiny project - Alternative provision – off site education provision for children and young people

- 5.1 The project team has held 5 meetings and Members have met with a number of key witnesses as part of the evidence gathering for the review. Some of the project team Members will be meeting with parents / young people in the near future. The next meeting will be on 30th January and the Committee is asked to note the update.

6. Other matters

- 6.1 Alternative Medical Scheme services – at the meeting on 11th October 2016 the Committee received an update on the procurement of this service across the east of England (Minute 356 refers). The Alternative Medical Scheme is available for the small number patients who are no longer able to access regular primary medical services due to their violent or threatening behaviour. In late December NHS England advised that the procurement scope has altered and will now only be commissioning services in Essex in 2017; the CCGs and LMC are engaged with the project.
- 6.2 NHS Southend CCG Consultation - the CCG are undertaking a consultation on proposals to change their Service Restriction Policy with regard to the following 4 specific services - enlargement of the male breast tissue; spine injections for back pain; bariatric surgery; implantation of toric lenses. The CCG is planning a number of public workshops and the consultation document will be shared with the Committee as soon as it is available.
- 6.3 Children's Services Improvement Plan Scrutiny Panel – at the meeting in October 2016 (Minute 356 refers) it was agreed that this Scrutiny Panel would be established to help provide additional challenge to the implementation of the action plan, to be made up of Members of scrutiny and key members of the Improvement Board. At the Scrutiny Committee the following were appointed to sit on the Panel - Councillors Moyies, Nevin, Arscott, Borton and Boyd and it was also agreed that meetings would be held bi-monthly. The Panel will meet on 19th January 2017 and will consider key issues from the Improvement Board, the new performance management diagnostic tool and the work programme.

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 the 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

- Email from NHS England dated 20th December 2016;
- Emails relating to arrangements for Scrutiny panel meetings;
- Papers for project team meetings and associated emails.

9. Appendices

Appendix 1 – protocol - CCG

Appendix 2 – protocol – Healthwatch Southend

Appendix 3 – protocol – HWB

Appendix 4 – update re STP / Success Regime