

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

14

Report of Corporate Director for Corporate Services

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 matters, as follows:

- Urological cancer surgery in Essex;
- South Essex Partnership Trust;
- CAMHS;
- Southend Hospital - PET CT scanner; and
- In depth scrutiny project.

2. Recommendation

That the report and any actions taken be noted.

3. Complex urological cancer surgery in Essex - update

3.1 The Committee will be aware that a Joint Committee has been established with Essex and Thurrock Councils to review the proposed changes to the provision of specialised urological cancer surgery in Essex. The following Members were appointed at the Council meeting on 21st May 2015 – Councillors M Betson and L Davies (substitute – Councillor C J Nevin) (Minute 12 refers).

3.2 The Joint Committee met on 13th July at County Hall, Chelmsford and a full update was given at the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 14th July (Minute 139 refers). The Joint Committee is chaired by County Councillor Ann Naylor and Councillor Mary Betson is the Vice Chair.

3.3 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, particularly in relation to:

- the extent to which the proposals are in the interests of the health service in Essex, Southend and Thurrock;
- the impact of the proposals on patient and carer experience and outcomes and on their health and well-being;
- the quality of the clinical evidence underlying the proposals;
- the extent to which the proposals are financially sustainable;

- to make a response to NHS England and other appropriate agencies on the proposals, at appropriate times during the pre-tender and evaluation processes;
- to consider and comment on the extent to which patients and the public have been involved in the development of the proposals and the extent to which their views have been taken into account.

3.4 The single-centre model has been agreed in principle with the five Essex Acute Trusts. NHS England discussions are continuing with the Trusts on some aspects of detail prior to the expressions of interest /invitation to tender documentation being finalised and formally sent out to the Trusts. Consequently no date has yet been fixed for the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

3.5 A small sub-Group of the Joint Committee has undertaken a visit to Colchester and Southend Hospitals for preliminary discussions on the likely information that will be required from them by the Joint Committee to assist its deliberations during the subsequent procurement and evaluation process. The Committee is asked to note this update.

4. Other matters

4.1 South Essex Partnership Trust (SEPT) – attached at **Appendix 1** is a joint letter from the Chief Executives of SEPT and NEP regarding closer collaboration between the 2 organisations, which the Committee is asked to note.

4.2 CAMHS – the Committee is asked to note that on 1st November 2015, all Emotional & Wellbeing and Mental Health Services (EWMHS) will transfer to North East London Foundation Trust (NELFT). NELFT will become the new provider for all EWNH services across Essex. NELFT has the long term aim of responding earlier to children's needs to help prevent, reduce or delay the need for more specialist intervention.

4.3 Southend Hospital – NHS England have advised that they are proposing to move the PET CT service to the existing fixed scanner at Southend Hospital. It is understood that this change will affect new patients to the service. A briefing paper from NHS England is attached at **Appendix 2** which the Committee is asked to note.

5. In depth scrutiny project

5.1 At the meeting on the 13th July 2015, the Committee agreed that its in depth project for the current municipal year would be on the following topic – 'Transition arrangements from children to adult services' (Minute 138 refers).

5.2 The project team will meet on 6th October 2015 to consider the arrangements for the review and the draft project plan. Following this meeting, the project plan will be circulated to the Scrutiny Committee, for noting.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision and Critical Priorities – Becoming an excellent and high performing organisation.

- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 Legal Implications – Where an NHS body consults more than one local authority on a proposal for substantial development of the health service or a substantial variation in the provision of such a service, those authorities are required to appoint a joint committee for the purposes of the consultation. Only that joint committee may - make comments on the proposal to the NHS body; require the provision of information about the proposal; require an officer of the NHS body to attend before it to answer questions in connection with the proposal.
- 6.4 People Implications – none.
- 6.5 Property Implications – none.
- 6.6 Consultation – as described in report.
- 6.7 Equalities Impact Assessment – none.
- 6.8 Risk Assessment – none.

7. Background Papers

None

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 – letter from SEPT / NEP

Appendix 2 – Briefing from NHS England

Appendix 3 – project plan (to follow)