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<b>6 December 2017</b>	<b>ITEM: 5</b>
<b>Southend-on-sea Health and Wellbeing Board</b>	
<b>Update on Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP)</b>	
<b>Report of:</b> Andy Vowles, Programme Director, Mid and South Essex STP	

## **Executive Summary**

This paper provides an update on current progress. It follows previous reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

### **1. Recommendation(s)**

- 1.1 The Board is asked to note the update and the continuing opportunities to give views on proposals for service change.**
- 1.2 The Board is recommended to continue participating in discussions within the Mid and South Essex STP consultation programme, which includes stakeholder meetings and meetings of the Essex, Southend and Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Boards.**

### **2. Background and update**

- 2.1** The Mid and South Essex STP is a wide ranging plan intended to improve health and care services across the area, and to ensure they are clinically and financially sustainable. The full plan, which was published in October 2016, considers the full range of services from prevention and community based services through to hospital care.
- 2.2** The Programme is now approaching the point of launching public consultation on one aspect of the STP, the reconfiguration of some hospital services.
- 2.3** A draft pre-consultation business case and draft consultation document have been published with the agenda for the next meeting of the Mid and South Essex STP Joint Committee of clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), which will take place on 29 November. (<http://midessexccg.nhs.uk/about-us/mid-and-south-essex-stp-joint-committee/committee-papers>)
- 2.2** Subject to the approval of the Joint Committee and any changes required, the STP will then publish the final consultation document and further information for a full public consultation over a period of 14 weeks.

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- 2.3 The draft consultation document has had the benefit of review and feedback from the Health and Wellbeing Board and other council members, along with feedback from other partner organisations, patient representatives and local service users.
- 2.4 The draft consultation document, a summary document and a feedback questionnaire will be published along with several supplementary background documents via a dedicated consultation website at [www.nhsmidandsouthessex.co.uk](http://www.nhsmidandsouthessex.co.uk). All materials will be available in paper copy for people who do not access information online, as well as in other languages.
- 2.5 As we have previously reported, during the consultation there will be a range of opportunities for people to send us their views on the proposals and to get involved in discussions.
- 2.6 We are keen to hear views on the following three main areas:
- The overall plan for health and care in mid and south Essex
  - Proposals for hospital services in Southend, Chelmsford, Braintree and Basildon
  - Proposals to transfer services from Orsett Hospital to new centres in Thurrock, Basildon, Billericay and Brentwood.
- 2.7 The specific proposals for hospital services are based on the following five principles which have been discussed with the Board on previous occasions:
1. The majority of hospital care will remain local and each hospital will continue to have a 24 hour A&E department that receives ambulances.
  2. Certain more specialist services which need a hospital stay should be concentrated in one place, where this would improve your care and chances of a good recovery.
  3. Access to specialist emergency care should be via your local (or nearest) A&E, where you would be treated and, if needed, transferred to a specialist team, which may be in a different hospital
  4. Planned operations should, where possible, be separate from patients who are coming into hospital in an emergency.
  5. Some hospital services should be provided closer to you, at home or in a local health centre
- 2.8 We are most grateful for the feedback we had from Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board on the draft consultation document and examples of how we have taken this feedback into account are as follows:
- We have further simplified the language in the document and included glossary definitions of the specialties of each proposal
  - We have made clear in the document the size of the potential impact on patients of the proposed service changes

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- We have improved the explanation of proposals for stroke services, including illustrative graphics
- We have improved the information on proposals for inter-hospital transfers and details of a proposed free bus service for families and carers
- We are preparing for continued discussions during the consultation to explore in depth the potential impact on Southend residents.

### 2.9 Current timescales

Joint Committee of CCGs to consider the pre-consultation business case and draft consultation document	29 November 2017
Start of consultation subject to Joint Committee approval	End Nov/early Dec
Consultation programme	Dec 2017 – March 2018
Analysis of outcomes and review of proposals, including further consultation with scrutiny committee	April 2018
Commissioning decisions to be taken by the Joint Committee of CCGs, taking into account the outcome of consultation	Early summer 2018

### 3. Background papers

For further background information please visit [www.nhsmidandsouthessex.co.uk](http://www.nhsmidandsouthessex.co.uk)

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