

24 January 2018	ITEM:
Southend-on-sea Health and Wellbeing Board	
Update on Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP)	
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Executive Summary

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

The Mid and South Essex STP has launched a public consultation to run from 30 November 2017 to 9 March 2018. The consultation is seeking views on:

- The overall plan for health and care
- Proposals for hospital services in Southend, Chelmsford and Basildon
- Proposals to transfer services from Orsett Hospital in Thurrock to new centres closer to where people live

This update provides a summary of the process so far.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 The Board is asked to note the update and to consider the proposals published for consultation with a view to submitting a response by 9 March 2018.

2. Background and update

2.1 Following the agreement of the CCG Joint Committee, we have published a range of materials to explain proposals for change, including:

- A main consultation document (which benefited from inputs from the HWB)
- Summary document and very short leaflet
- Feedback questionnaire, available online and in hard copy format
- Additional information, including:
 - summary sheets on common themes from pre-consultation discussions - stroke, transport and financial plans (recommended by Southend HWB)
 - a summary of clinical evidence behind the proposals (recommended by Southend HWB)
 - more detailed information on how we arrived at the proposals
 - other background, such as details on travel times

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- highlights of what is happening in the Southend CCG area

2.2 There is a dedicated consultation website for all of the above information and more, including blogs, frequently asked questions and details on the various ways to have your say. The website can be found at www.nhsmidandsouthessex.co.uk

2.3 We are also distributing printed documents, summaries and leaflets with the assistance of the CCG, Council, Healthwatch and CVS and promoting links to the consultation website via social media. A range of Information is available in different formats and languages on request.

2.4 Across the mid and south Essex area there is a programme of open discussion events, including one in Westcliff-on-sea on 8 February. In addition there are a number of discussions being organised with key representatives, including:

- Service users and patient representatives of Southend CCG
- Healthwatch Southend
- The Stroke Association
- South Essex College – Southend campus

2.5 There is also a clear message in the consultation documents that meetings may be arranged on request, and we are adding activities all the time.

Summary of the key messages for consultation

2.6 We are consulting local people on some very specific proposals for changes in hospital services across mid and south Essex. This is only part of the overall plan for the next five years and, while considering the proposals for hospital changes, we need to keep sight of the wider picture of whole system change over the next five years.

2.7 The wider STP includes:

- Doing more to help people to stay healthy and avoid serious illness
- Building up GP and community services to improve access to care closer to where people live
- Joining up health and care services to provide local and more responsive physical, mental and social care together

2.8 The proposed changes to hospital services are based around five main principles:

- The majority of hospital care will remain local and each hospital will continue to have a 24 hour A&E department that receives ambulances.
- 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.
- Access to specialist emergency services, such as stroke 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
- Planned operations should, where possible, be separate from patients who are coming into hospital in an emergency.
- Some hospital services should be provided closer to you, at home or in a local health centre

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Please see separately attached a PDF copy of the main consultation document and draft copy of a PowerPoint presentation including a summary of the potential impact on the residents of Southend, and copies of the summary sheets, which were a direct outcome of discussion with members of the HWB.

Current progress

- 2.9 At the time of writing this update, the consultation process is at a relatively early stage, with a lot of key activities planned for January and February. Feedback so far includes positive reactions about the way that proposals have changed as a result of listening to local views during the previous engagement phases. In general, there are questions about funding for the NHS, in line with the current national debate. Access and transport remains a common theme for discussion.
- 2.10 We anticipate that other common themes will include access to primary and community care as an issue for the wider context, beyond the current proposals for hospital service change.
- 2.11 We are also consulting specific groups that are representative of people who may be affected by the proposed hospital service changes, with the aim of ensuring we hear specific insights on the potential impact of change and what matters to patients and families.

3. Background papers

- PDF copy of main consultation document
- Latest version of a core PowerPoint presentation, relevant to south east Essex
- Three summary sheets covering stroke, finance and transport

For further background information please visit www.nhsmidandsouthessex.co.uk

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