

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

**Agenda
Item No.**

**Report of Strategic Director
(Legal and Democratic Services)**

To

People Scrutiny Committee

On

9th July 2019

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Scrutiny Committee - updates

Part 1 (Public Agenda Item)

1. Purpose of Report

To update the Committee on a number of scrutiny matters.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the report and any actions taken be noted.

3. Remit of the People Scrutiny Committee

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee is responsible for the following areas:

- All Child and Adult Education
- Youth Services
- Children's Social Services
- Adult Social Services
- Public Health
- Commissioning/Procurement for Children, Adults and Public Health, and
- Health scrutiny role (conferred by the Health & Social Care Act 2012)

Membership of the Committee also includes the statutory co-optees and other co-optees.

- 3.2 A Briefing Paper providing information specifically on health scrutiny and the health system locally has recently been sent to members of the Committee. Elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting is information on the range of work undertaken by the Scrutiny Committees during 2018/19.

4. Quality Report / Account – 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019

- 4.1 At the April meeting of the Committee, members of the Committee were advised about the arrangements for the receipt of the draft Quality Account from Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) and Southend Hospital (Minute 853 refers). At the meeting, the Committee agreed that the documents would be circulated to Committee members for any comments and for a submission to be sent to the Trusts in the time frame.

4.2 Submissions were sent to the Trusts on 9th May and 17th May 2019 respectively and are detailed at **Appendix 1**.

4.3 It should be noted that the documents are sent to us, within statutory timescales when there are no meetings scheduled and are also submitted during the election period leading up to the local elections in early May 2019. The Committee is asked to note the Quality Accounts received for comments and how these were dealt with.

4. Scrutiny arrangements for the proposed move of site for Moorfields Eye Hospital

4.1 At the April meeting of the Committee, members were advised about the scrutiny arrangements for the proposed move of site for Moorfields Hospital and that as the proposals is not contentious, it would be applicable for the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Joint HOSC) for North Central London to manage the scrutiny process on behalf of Southend (Minute 853 refers).

4.2 The proposal is to relocate all the services currently provided at Moorfields' City Road site in Islington, London (along with the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology and Moorfields Eye Charity) to a brand new integrated, purpose-built hospital on land that has become available at the St Pancras Hospital site in Camden, London (subject to public consultation).

4.3 Regular updates / briefing on the proposals has been requested, together with information on the arrangements for public consultation and how local people can respond if they so wish and how respective local Healthwatch bodies will be involved. Further information about the public consultation has recently been circulated to the Committee. The public consultation runs from 24th May 2019 to 16th September 2019¹.

5. Mid & South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) referral to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

5.1 In early March officers contacted the Department of Health and Social Care for an update on the Council's referral to the Secretary of State. We were advised that the referral is still with Minister for consideration and as the Thurrock HOSC referral relates to the same STP, the 2 referrals have been sent to Ministers together.

5.2 On 6th June 2019 the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care advised the Chair that he has written to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) requesting that the Panel review both the Thurrock and Southend referrals and to send a response back to the Secretary of State by 19th July 2019. The Secretary of State has noted that the IRP may well advise that a full review of the Mid and South Essex STP is necessary.

5.3 On 14th June 2019, Clare Panniker, Chief Executive of Mid and South Essex University Hospitals (MSB) Group circulated a stakeholder briefing outlining the Group's intention to continue with the mobilisation of the STP plan. The Scrutiny Committee were advised on 18th June - see **Appendix 2**. On 21st June, a brief

¹ The consultation website is <http://oriel-london.org.uk/consultation-documents/>

summary in relation to the changes, prepared by Tom Abell, Deputy Chief Executive, MSB Group, was circulated to the Committee. A south east Essex specific briefing is attached at **Appendix 3**.

- 5.4 The Chair of the Committee also wrote to Clare Panniker on 21st June, inviting her to discuss the contents of the briefing and explore the implications. The Chair will provide an update at the Scrutiny Committee meeting.

6. Other issues

- 6.1 Briefing regarding Shoebury practices merger – on 18th June 2019 the CCG advised the Chair about the merger of Dr Marasco and North Road Shoebury Surgery (Dr Moss). The 2 practices will merge together on 9th July to become a single provider delivery services from a single site at North Shoebury (North Shoebury Surgery, 1 Frobisher Way, SS3 8UT), which is a purpose built medical facility. The Scrutiny Committee and ward Councillors were advised about the change the same week.
- 6.2 Children's Services Improvement Plan Scrutiny Panel – the Committee will recall that the Scrutiny Panel was established in late 2016 to help provide additional challenge to the implementation of the Children's Services action plan. At the Council meeting on 3rd June, the following were appointed to the Panel - Councillors Dear, walker, Burton, Nevin, Shead and Hooper. The Panel has now met on 12 occasions with the most recent meeting taking place on 14th March 2019. A further meeting will be held on 22nd July 2019.

7. Corporate Implications

- 7.1 Contribution to the Southend 2050 Road Map - Becoming an excellent and high performing organisation; ensure residents have access to high quality education to enable them to be lifelong learners and have fulfilling employment, aligning to the following 2050 ambitions – active and involved, opportunity and prosperity.
- 7.2 Financial Implications - there are no financial implications arising from the contents of the report. The cost of any Joint Scrutiny Committee work can be met from existing resources.
- 7.3 Legal Implications - the Scrutiny Committee exercises the health scrutiny function as set out in relevant legislation. 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 Scrutiny Committee for the purposes of the consultation.
- 7.4 People Implications – none.
- 7.5 Property Implications – none.
- 7.6 Consultation – as described in report.
- 7.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications – none.
- 7.8 Risk Assessment – none.

8. Background Papers

- Email circulating Health Briefing
- Emails regarding Quality Accounts; letter from EPUT regarding Quality Account / Report process

- Email correspondence regarding Shoebury practices merger

9. Appendices

Appendix 1 – submissions to EPUT and Hospital Trust

Appendix 2 – stakeholder letter dated 14th June 2019

Appendix 3 – summary briefing