

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Corporate Services

to

People Scrutiny Committee

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**Scrutiny Committee - updates**

***A Part 1 Agenda Item***

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

To update the Committee on a number of matters, as follows:

- Health scrutiny role
- Urological cancer surgery in Essex
- Committee appointment
- Prescribing of gluten free foods
- Success Regime
- Quality Account and
- Commissioning specialised services

## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 That the report and any actions taken be noted.

2.2 That a Councillor from the Scrutiny Committee and substitute be appointed to sit on the Joint Committee looking at PET CT scanner in south Essex. (Cllr Nevin was reappointed by Council in May and can continue).

## **3. Health scrutiny role**

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. The Committee has agreed protocols in place with Healthwatch Southend, NHS

Southend CCG and the Health & Wellbeing Board and these are subject to review.

- 3.3 Elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting is information on the range of work undertaken by the Scrutiny Committees during 2015 / 16.

#### **4. Complex urological cancer surgery in Essex**

- 4.1 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 Committee received an update on issues at the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 (Minute 445 refers)
- 4.2 A meeting of the Joint Committee was held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at which a detailed project update from NHS England was received. The Joint Committee was also advised that two formal expressions of interest have been received from Colchester Hospital and Southend University Hospital. The Scrutiny Committee received an update at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 (Minute 778 refers).
- 4.3 Following the elections in May, the following Members have been appointed to the Joint Committee - Cllr Nevin (is the Vice Chair of the Joint Committee), Cllr Boyd with Cllr D Garston as the substitute member. Recently further communications have been received from NHS England and have been circulated to these Members.
- 4.4 NHS England are holding a Senior Oversight Group Meeting in early July to consider the outcome of the panel visits. An update position will be reported verbally to the Scrutiny Committee.
- 4.5 The intention for there to be a meeting of the Joint Cttee in July. The anticipated start date for the new service is the beginning of 2017/18.

The Committee is asked to note this update.

#### **4. Committee appointments**

- 4.1 At the meeting in April 2016, the following were appointed to sit on a Joint Committee looking at PET CT scanner in south Essex - Councillor Salter and Councillor Nevin (Councillor Davidson substitute) (Minute 778 refers).
- 4.2 The membership now needs to change to reflect the change in Administration and the appointment of Cllr Salter as the portfolio holder. Nominees/ substitute need to be members of the People Scrutiny Cttee.
- 4.3 The Committee is therefore requested to nominate a replacement for Cllr Salter and for the substitute. Cllr Nevin can of course continue as she was re appointed to the People Scrutiny Committee.

#### **5 Prescribing of gluten free foods**

- 5.1 At the last meeting, the Committee was advised about proposed changes to prescribing of gluten free food (Minute 778 refers). The changes would affect

around 250 patients in Southend-on-Sea (500 across CP&R and Southend areas) and assuming it goes ahead, an implementation date of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

- 5.2 At the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April, it was agreed that an update on this matter be provided when available. On 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016, the Committee was advised that the CCG had decided to stop all gluten-free foods on prescription (Option 6).

## **6. Success Regime**

- 6.1 Elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting is an item relating to the above. This is a high level briefing for the Committee on emerging options.
- 6.2 The latest NHS England Stakeholder briefing on the Success Regime was circulated to the Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (attached at **Appendix 1**). This indicates a number of work streams set up under 2 broad headings – local health and care and in hospital. Under the 2 broad headings there are specific current work streams underway looking at:-

### Local Health & Care

- Frailty and end of life care
- Redesign of pain services and dermatology
- ‘common offer’
- Primary and community care

### In Hospital

- Clinical services
- Clinical support
- Back office functions

- 6.3 There is clearly a need for the three Essex authorities (i.e. Essex, Thurrock & Southend) to work more closely together which is being explored.

There will be periodic strategic high level updates from NHS England on the Success Regime to the full Committee.

## **6.4 Citizen engagement in the Success Regime – Conference report**

Healthwatch Essex (HWE) and the Essex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) jointly hosted a conference on 18 April 2016 to discuss how to ensure that patient and user engagement is incorporated into a strategic review of health services in mid and south Essex currently underway (labelled ‘the Success Regime’). Over 70 people attended the event. Attendees on the day included members of the Essex HOSC, officers from HWE, representatives from patient experience groups and the community and voluntary sector, and communications staff from health commissioners and providers. Councillor Folkard attended the event on behalf of Southend.

A draft report of the event has been prepared and is attached (**Appendix 2**). The report is currently being finalised with Healthwatch Essex.

## 7. Other matters

- 7.1 Draft Quality Report / Accounts 2015/16 – at the last meeting of the Committee members were advised about the arrangements for the receipt of the draft Quality Account from SEPT and Southend Hospital (Minute 778 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.

Submissions were sent to Southend Hospital on 18<sup>th</sup> May and SEPT on 20<sup>th</sup> May, as follows:-

### **Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust**

*I have shared the document with the Chairman & members of the People Scrutiny Committee at Southend (the health scrutiny committee).*

*I would like to advise you that I have not received any comments back on the draft document. However, during 2015/16, the Committee engaged with the Trust on a number of issues, for example the review looking at the specialised cancer surgery proposals. Also, at the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016, the Committee considered an update from a member of the Committee, Cllr Crystall, who presented a summary of the current situation at the Trust (final Governors Report).*

### **South Essex Partnership Trust**

*The draft Quality Report / Account 2015/16 has been shared with the Chairman and Members of the People Scrutiny Committee at Southend (the health scrutiny committee). One comment was received from a Member of the Committee which is being followed up by SEPT. Also, during 2015/16, the Committee engaged with the Trust and the Trust contributed to the evidence session as part of the scrutiny review on 'Transition arrangements from Children's to Adult Life', providing information on transition care planning.*

It should be noted that the drafts are submitted during the election period leading up to and immediately after the elections in May 2016. The Committee is asked to note the Quality Accounts received for comments and how these were dealt with.

- 7.2 Commissioning Specialised Services in the Midlands and East – some information about commissioning specialised services has recently been circulated to the Committee.

## 8. Corporate Implications

- 8.1 Contribution to Council's Vision and Critical Priorities – Becoming an excellent and high performing organisation.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 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.

8.4 People Implications – none.

8.5 Property Implications – none.

8.6 Consultation – as described in report.

8.7 Equalities Impact Assessment – none.

8.8 Risk Assessment – none.

## **9. Background Papers**

- Emails re Quality Account – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016
- Emails regarding urology – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- Emails regarding prescribing of gluten free food – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016

## **10. Appendices**

**Appendix 1 – Success regime progress update**

**Appendix 2 – draft report from conference held 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016**