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Dear scrutiny member,

Complex urological cancer surgery in Essex – update

I thought that you would like to receive a brief update on this matter. As I am sure you are aware, Councillors Nevin and Boyd are the 2 members appointed to the Joint Committee established with Essex County Council and Thurrock Council to review NHS England proposals for the future provision of complex urological cancer surgery in Essex (JHOSC).

You will recall that 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 JHOSC is to consider these proposals.

On 6 July 2016 NHS England announced the conclusions of the Independent Panel established by them to evaluate the respective bids received from Colchester and Southend Hospitals to host the specialist centre for complex urological cancer surgery in Essex. The Panel is recommending Southend Hospital to host the facility.

In August the JHOSC met representatives from cancer user groups and clinical nurse specialists to discuss their views on how patient and public engagement had been undertaken to date and what engagement was needed going forward. The Joint Committee met on 6th September and met with NHS England representatives and reps from Southend Hospital and Colchester Hospitals. The discussion focussed on the project next steps, public engagement, communication and implementation plan.

If you would like to view the papers for the meeting, they can be found on our website on [this link](#) or this [link](#) at Essex County Council website.

At the meeting yesterday, NHS England advised that their Regional Executive Management Team will be asked to make a final decision on the site of the specialised surgical service following consideration of the expert clinical panel recommendation and project progress on the 20th September. The Joint Committee will be issuing its report to NHS England shortly, which I will of course share with you.

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