

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

1. Purpose of Report

To update the Committee on a significant number of health scrutiny matters, Joint Committee work, regional scrutiny and also the in depth scrutiny project.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the report and any actions taken be noted.

2.2 To endorse the appointment of Councillors Boyd and Endersby to the Essex Task & Finish group looking into mental health services for children and young people.

2.3 To endorse the terms of reference for the Joint Committee looking at proposals for a PETCT scanner for south Essex, as set out at **Appendix 4**.

3. Joint Committee work

Complex urological cancer surgery in Essex

3.1 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 12th July 2016 (Minute 131 refers). A meeting of the Joint Committee was held on 6th September 2016 and was attended by Councillors Nevin and Boyd. A briefing note was circulated to the Committee on 7th September 2016 and this is attached at **Appendix 1**.

3.2 NHS England have now advised that the Regional Executive Management Team met on 20th September and made the final decision on the site of the specialised surgical service following consideration of the expert clinical panel recommendation and project progress. The decision was that Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust should be the site and the service contract should commence in 2017/18 (Quarter 1). There will be further public engagement following the decision running between October – December 2016.

3.3 The report of the Joint Committee submitted to NHS England on 23rd September and attached at **Appendix 2**, which the Committee is asked to note. A

stakeholder bulletin was issued by NHS England on 23rd September. This acknowledges the JHOSCs report, accepts all the recommendations made by the JHOSC and outlines next steps (see **Appendix 3**). A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

Location of PETCT scanner service for south Essex

- 3.4 In October 2015 the Committee considered proposals by NHS England to establish a single site location for a Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scanner for south Essex (Minute 326 refers). Options for siting it at either Basildon Hospital or Southend Hospital were considered. Concerns were raised by Thurrock and Essex Scrutiny Committees about the local clinical engagement at the time and NHS England agreed to review this further.
- 3.5 At the Scrutiny Committee meeting in July, the Committee agreed to appoint Cllrs Nevin and Jones (substitute Cllr D Garston) to sit on a Joint Committee looking at PETCT scanner service in south Essex (Minute 131 refers). A meeting of the Joint Committee was held on 15th September¹ at which the terms of reference were agreed. This is attached at **Appendix 4** which the Committee is asked to endorse. Councillors Nevin and Jones attended the meeting. (Thurrock HOSC also met on 15th September and considered the issue separately).
- 3.6 The substantive item at the Joint Committee was to consider NHS England's recommendation for Southend to be the permanent location of the PETCT scanner service in south Essex.
- 3.7 Following the meeting, a letter was sent to NHS England on behalf of the Joint Committee and a copy was circulated to the Committee on 20th September. In supporting the proposal to site the scanner at Southend Hospital, the Joint Committee made the following 3 specific recommendations:-
- Recommendation 1:**
Cognisant of the delay in finding a solution and that significant time had been lost, the JHOSC supports the proposal as submitted and encourages NHS England to implement it as soon as possible to ensure that capacity can be quickly increased enabling earlier diagnosis and improved patient outcomes.
- Recommendation 2:**
That NHS England need to be clear in their future communications to distinguish this project from the Success Regime and Urological cancer.
- Recommendation 3:**
That NHS England reports back to the JHOSC in six months' time to update it on implementation.
- 3.8 It is understood that Thurrock intend to refer the matter to the Secretary of State. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.
- 3.9 Specialised commissioning overview – a presentation outlining commissioning specialised services in the Midlands and East was circulated to the Committee at the end of July.

¹ The meeting papers are available on the [Council website on this link](#)

4. Mental health services for children and young people

- 4.1 The Essex County Council Health Scrutiny Committee have recently set up a Task & Finish Group to review mental health services for children and young people. This is looking at the new provider, NELFT and the challenges facing it with increasing demand etc. As this an Essex wide service, Southend (and Thurrock) were invited to nominate 2 Committee Members to sit on the Group. As the next meeting of the group was scheduled for 19th September, Committee Members were contacted by email for nominations. Councillors Boyd and Endersby responded indicating that they would like to be involved and the relevant paperwork has now been forwarded to them.
- 4.2 The Committee is asked to note the involvement in this task and finish group.

5. In depth scrutiny project

- 5.1 At the meeting on the 12th July 2016, the Committee agreed that its in depth project for the current municipal year would be on the following topic – ‘Alternative provision – off site education provision for children and young people’ (Minute 132 refers).
- 5.2 The project team has held 2 meetings so far and the Committee is asked to note the project plan attached at **Appendix 5**.

6. Other matters

- 6.1 Health Profile 2016 – the latest health profiles have been published by Public Health England². A copy of the health profile for Southend-on-Sea has been placed in the members work room.
- 6.2 NEP / SEPT proposed merger – representatives from North Essex Partnership Trust (NEP) and South Essex Partnership Trust (SEPT) gave a presentation to all members on 3rd October. A copy of the presentation will be placed in the members work room when available and will also be available on the Council’s intranet site³
- 6.3 EEAST CQC Inspection – the Care Quality Commission published their inspection report for the [East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust](#) on 9th August 2016. A Regional health scrutiny Chairs meeting has been arranged for 4th October 2016 at Ipswich, providing an opportunity for the Trust to share the CQC report, action plan and current issues. Committee Members were contacted by email for nominations to attend the meeting.
- 6.4 Valkyrie Branch Surgery – in September NHS England advised that Valkyrie Surgery has requested to close their branch surgery, currently operating out of Leigh Primary Care Centre. The practice advised that some clinical sessions were not totally filled and that partners at Valkyrie have had concerns about their ability to staff this branch surgery. This request was approved at the meeting of

² http://fingertipsreports.phe.org.uk/health-profiles/2016/e06000033.pdf&time_period=2016

³ [Handouts from briefings](#)

Direct Commissioning Oversight Group (DCOG) and closure of the branch is planned for 30th September 2016.

Patients have been consulted; any patient that wishes to remain accessing the Leigh Primary Care Centre can register with the Pall Mall Surgery. Pall Mall Surgery are currently operating an open list and are aware that the branch surgery of Valkyrie has requested this closure.

Patients registered with the Valkyrie Surgery will continue to have full access to primary care services via Valkyrie Road.

- 6.5 Consultation on orthopaedic surgery - Joint consultation by Southend CCG and Castle Point & Rochford CCG – the CCG’s recently undertook a public consultation on proposals to introduce further restrictions to orthopaedic surgery across Southend, Castle Point and Rochford. The consultation ran from 22nd August to 21st September. The consultation document was circulated to Committee members on 19th August and comments invited by 16th September. Some background information is attached at **Appendix 6**.

One comment was received from a member of the Committee, agreeing with the proposals. A response to the consultation has now been sent to the CCG.

- 6.6 Locality Approach - the Southend Health & Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 7th September received a presentation on the ‘Southend Locality Approach’ and a copy has been circulated to Committee members for information.

- 6.7 Shoeburyness Primary Care Centre – an update on developments with regard to plans to develop a new primary care centre in Shoeburyness was circulated to Committee members in August. The preferred option is for a site opposite Hinguar Primary School in New Garrison Road. The CCG is working on the business case and a further update will be submitted at the public Governing Body meeting on 6th October.

- 6.8 St Luke’s - plans are also progressing with regard to the provision of St Lukes Primary Care Centre and will include the relocation of the CICC services.

- 6.9 Southend Hospital A&E redirection service - following the closure of St. Luke’s walk in centre, non-urgent patients presenting at A&E have, where appropriate, been redirected to pharmacy and self-care. Phase 2 of the project has now commenced where a clinical navigator working in A&E will provide further support to patients being redirected including making direct bookings into GP practices for those with a more urgent care need. A full redirection service will be in place from October, when 4 navigators will be in post.

- 6.10 Essex Community Dental Services – NHS England has undertaken a procurement process to provide community dental services in Essex. The service will commence on 1st October 2016 and the contract has been awarded to Community Dental Services Community Interest Company.

- 6.11 Dental out of hours services – NHS England Midlands and East (East) intends to re-procure dental out of hours services across the East of England. An overview of the dental out-of-hours procurement is attached at **Appendix 7**.

- 6.12 Alternative Medical Scheme services across the East of England – NHS England intends to re-procure Alternative Medical Scheme services across the East of England. The Alternative Medical Scheme is available for the small number patients who are no longer able to access regular primary medical services due to their violent or threatening behaviour.

The practice which deals with all Southend patients on the special allocations list (so people barred from using regular GPs) is Victoria Surgery at Warrior House, Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea. It covers quite a large patch & covers all patients from Southend and Thurrock Council's areas and some from Essex County Council's area (e.g. Rayleigh, Rochford etc.).

NHS England has invited members of the Local Medical Committee, Clinical Commissioning Groups and Healthwatch to review the new specification and to confirm whether they wish to be part of the evaluation team. Southend Healthwatch are aware and will keep the Committee updated.

7. Success Regime

- 7.1 At the July meeting, a detailed presentation was given on the key areas of the Success Regime and the challenges and implications locally (Minute 121 refers).
- 7.2 An update on progress of the mid and south Essex Success Regime and Sustainability and Transformation Plan was circulated to the Committee recently. A number of open public workshops have been arranged for September and October and the session in Southend was held on 20th September. The slides used at the presentation were circulated to the Committee on 28th September.
- 7.3 There is clearly a need for the three Essex authorities to work more closely together and this is being explored. There will also be periodic strategic high level updates from NHS England on the Success Regime to the full Committee (see item elsewhere on the agenda).

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 regarding urology – 7th September, 26th September
- Email regarding PETCT scanner – 20th September.
- Email re specialised commissioning – 1st July.
- Emails re member briefing NEP / SEPT – 6th September, 7th September.
- Email inviting nominations to attend meeting re Ambulance Trust – 19th September.
- 2 emails re Valkyrie surgery – 1st September.
- Email re orthopaedic surgery proposals – 19th August, 16th September.
- Email re locality approach – 13th September
- Email re Shoeburyness Primary Care Centre – 25th August.
- Email re community dental services in Essex – 13th September.
- Emails re Success Regime – 20th July, 1st September, 27th September, 28th September

20. Appendices

Appendix 1 – note to Cttee members re urological cancer services

Appendix 2 – Joint Cttee report & press release

Appendix 3 – NHS England press release

Appendix 4 – Terms of reference of Joint Cttee re PETCT scanner service

Appendix 5 – terms of reference of in depth scrutiny project

Appendix 6 – orthopaedic surgery

Appendix 7 – overview of dental out of hours procurement