

PANCREATIC CANCER: SERVICES TO IMPROVE SURVIVAL IN THE EAST OF ENGLAND

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) for the East of England, to be held on Tuesday, 30 June 2009, at the Lecture Theatre, County Library, Ipswich, Suffolk, commencing at 11 am.

A G E N D A

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A map showing the venue of the meeting place is attached to this agenda.

1. Membership

Membership is open to the 11 Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees in the East of England region, as follows:-

Bedford
Cambridgeshire
Central Bedfordshire
Essex
Hertfordshire
Luton
Norfolk
Peterborough
Southend
Suffolk
Thurrock

2. Election of Chairman

3. Terms of Reference

The terms of reference of the JOSC are:-

“To review and scrutinise, in accordance with regulations under section 7 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and the Secretary of State’s Direction of 17 July 2003, matters relating to the substantial developments or variations in NHS services in the East of England being consulted upon by the relevant NHS bodies across the whole or substantial parts of the areas of the Bedford, Cambridgeshire, Central Bedfordshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Luton, Norfolk, Peterborough, Southend, Suffolk and Thurrock Social Services Authorities, together with any relevant technical papers, including the Strategic Health

Authority's and Primary Care Trust's proposed plan(s) for implementing the proposals.”

On this occasion the JOSC will be reviewing proposals put forward by the East of England Specialist Commissioning Group (SCG) in March. These relate to proposals to change pancreatic cancer services to implement 'Improving Outcomes Guidance' in the region.

4. Consultation papers and process

A batch of papers relating to this proposal is attached to this agenda.

Due to a number of councils holding elections in early June, the SCG agreed to extend the consultation period until the end of June. This does mean that the consultation period will have lasted for 16 weeks and that a decision needs to be taken by this JOSC today.

The JOSC is first invited to consider, and comment upon, the consultation process itself.

It is then invited to consider the impact of the changes on residents of the region, including issues such as changes in accessibility of service; the degree to which patients are affected; and changes to service models and methods of service delivery.

The JOSC exercises all of the powers of individual HOSCs and will be responding to the SCG on that basis.

Witnesses are likely to attend this meeting.
