

Report to: **East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)**

Date: **24<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

By: **Director of Law and Personnel**

Title of report: **HOSC work programme 2009/10**

Purpose of report: **To agree HOSC's work programme for 2009/10 and update the Committee on the scrutiny review of nutrition, hydration and feeding in hospitals and the rural health services event.**

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**HOSC is recommended:**

- 1. To agree the work programme as outlined in Appendix 1.**
  - 2. To note progress on the Committee's scrutiny review of nutrition, hydration and feeding in hospitals.**
  - 3. To note progress on arranging HOSC's rural services event**
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### **1. Background**

1.1 On 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009 HOSC held a work planning seminar. The objective of this session was to review the status of current items on the HOSC work programme, consider items likely to come forward from the NHS over the coming year and to prioritise topics HOSC will consider during 2009/10. Mr Mike Wood, Chief Executive, NHS East Sussex Downs and Weald and NHS Hastings and Rother gave a presentation on strategic commissioning plans and an update on PCT provider services.

### **2. Work programme 2009/10**

2.1 Following the work planning seminar, the HOSC work programme has been updated to incorporate the items discussed. The revised work programme and proposed treatment of each topic is attached at appendix 1 for the Committee's agreement.

2.2 At the seminar, HOSC identified nine topics which are 'high priority'. These are topics of significant concern or interest to health organisations, members and/or the public. These are:

- Nutrition, hydration and feeding in acute hospitals
- Older people's mental health strategy
- Separation of PCT provider services
- Primary angioplasty
- Rural health services
- Integration of Health and Social Care
- Epilepsy
- Prison healthcare
- Returning armed forces personnel

2.3 HOSC also identified 19 topics where it is maintaining a watching brief. These are:

- Maternity strategy
- South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust's strategy for the ambulance station network
- South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust's application for Foundation Trust status
- East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust's application for Foundation Trust status

- Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust's (BSUH) application for Foundation Trust status
- BSUH Teaching, Trauma and Tertiary Care development
- Mental Capacity Act
- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination programme
- Choice and Booking
- GP led health centres
- Day and vocational services for adults
- Stroke care services
- Delay transfers of care
- NHS dentistry
- Long term conditions
- End of life care
- Carers' strategy
- Infection control at East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust
- Immunisation and infectious disease

2.4 The scrutiny review of nutrition, hydration and feeding in acute hospitals is underway and the Project Board (Cllrs Hough (Chairman), O'Keeffe, Martin, Phillips and Tidy) met on 8<sup>th</sup> September to finalise the scope of the review. The review will include joint working with the East Sussex LINK and Brighton and Hove LINK. The review's focus is on acute hospitals run by East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust and Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust.

2.5 An event to investigate rural health services will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009. A planning group (see 2.6) is overseeing the planning of the event. The investigation will focus on how health services are planned, commissioned and delivered in rural East Sussex. Delegates will have the opportunity to feedback and suggest areas for attention. The objective is to identify any issues which the Committee might wish to take forward as a more detailed project/review. Attached as appendix 2 is the outline programme of the event.

#### 2.6 HOSC Rural Health Event – Planning Group

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