

East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC): Progress Review



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	<i>Issue</i>	<i>Progress Summary</i>	<i>Action</i>
Scrutiny Reviews/in-depth projects			
1.	Rural Health Services	<p>6 July 2009 – HOSC agreed to host an event in 27th November 2009 to bring together rural stakeholders with service commissioners and providers to look at health issues.</p> <p>27 November 2009 – Rural Event held, Uckfield Civic Centre - 70 plus delegates attended.</p> <p>27 January 2010 – Planning group agreed report to be circulated to delegates for comment, then to be submitted to HOSC in March.</p> <p>11 March 2010 – HOSC endorsed report and agreed to take forward issues raised primarily through integrating rural issues through its work programme.</p> <p><i>HOSC Chairman taking issues forward through Rural Forum South East and regional HOSC network.</i></p>	Rural issues to be addressed through HOSC ongoing work
2.	Improvement programme for mental health services	<p>20 November 2009 – Richard Ford, Executive Commercial Director SPT gave overview of Better by Design improvement programme. HOSC endorsed strategy on the basis that proposals will benefit East Sussex patients and awaits further detail on specific proposals for change and consultation plans.</p> <p>11 March 2010 - Richard Ford, SPT and Lisa Compton, NHS ESDW/H&R presented specific proposals for changes to inpatient mental health services and associated consultation process. HOSC agreed proposals are 'substantial development or variation' to health services requiring formal consultation with the committee. HOSC established Task Group to consider the proposals in more detail, work with neighbouring HOSCs as required and report back to HOSC (Membership: Cllrs Tidy, Rogers, Heaps and Pragnell).</p> <p><i>17 June 2010 – Richard Ford, SPT and Sam Chittenden, NHS ESDW/H&R responded to the interim report by the HOSC Task Group. Proposals envisage inpatient units at current locations being retained (with some bed reductions) with a longer term possibility to build 1 or 2 new facilities. PCT Boards to take a decision July 2010.</i></p>	

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		<p><i>2 July 2010 – Final Task Group meeting. Updated final version of report sent to PCTs.</i></p> <p><i>29 July 2010 – Joint meeting of PCT Boards – decision to adopt option 2.</i></p>	<p><i>Report to HOSC 16 September 2010</i></p>
3.	Integration of Health and Social Care	<p>8 September 2009 – HOSC aims to discuss integration strategy and explore funding issues with Chief Executive of PCTs, Director of Adult Social Care, Director of Children’s Services</p> <p>9 October – Received PID for integrating health and social care plans – due to be completed by March 2010</p> <p>November/December 2009 – Initiated regional HOSCs project on integration with support from Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) Advisor to look at national and local context.</p> <p>3 March 2010 – Regional HOSC Chairmen meeting discussed project and agreed to discuss findings at meeting in June 2010. CfPS Advisor carrying out research on local and national best practice.</p> <p><i>May 2010 – Integrated Health and Wellbeing Plan agreed by ESCC Cabinet and PCT Boards.</i></p> <p><i>16 June 2010 – Regional HOSCs meeting discussed research findings and production of short guide. Guide in development.</i></p>	<p><i>Guide to be circulated to Members when complete. Look at integration issues through NHS White Paper response</i></p>
4.	Stroke Care Scrutiny Review	<p>HOSC 16 June 2008 – Review Board nominated: Cllr David Rogers, Cllr Angharad Davies, Cllr Beryl Healy, Cllr Eve Martin. Inaugural Review Board meeting 5th August 2008.</p> <p>4 September 2008 – Co-optees: Cllr John Barnes, Chairman, East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT; Cllr Martyn Forster, Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee joined Review Board.</p> <p>HOSC 16 September 2008 – Objective endorsed as follows: <i>to assess and make recommendations on the stroke care provided to East Sussex residents, with particular focus on awareness and prevention, provision of acute services and the integrated provision of rehabilitation and long-term support.</i></p> <p>17 October 2008 – visit to Irvine Unit and panel discussion with GP, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy and Community Rehab Team representatives.</p> <p>4 November – visit to Egerton Unit, the Conquest Hospital and panel discussion.</p> <p>20 November – visit to stroke unit at Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.</p>	

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		<p>18 December – visit to Wilmington Ward, Eastbourne DGH</p> <p>HOSC 19 March 2009 – HOSC endorsed final report. 6 month, 12 month and 18 month monitoring agreed. Key recommendations (summarised):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions to improve public and staff awareness of stroke • Defined prevention and follow up pathways • Commissioning diagnostics to national standards well ahead of 10 year timescale • Improved access to rehabilitation, including ‘slow-stream’ rehabilitation • Consistent model of community rehabilitation and voluntary sector support across the county • Access to psychological support within rehabilitation • Access to a contact point for information <p>6 July 2009 – Rachel Harrington, Kate Russell NHS ESDW and NHS H&R gave the response o local healthcare organisations to HOSC recommendations. Stroke Programme Board has four work streams which have been tasked to act on a total of 141 recommendations on stroke care made over the last three years by various bodies.</p> <p>11 March 2010 – HOSC received update report from Jane Strong and Nicky Murrell, NHS ESDW/NHS H&R. HOSC welcomed progress to date including introduction of 24/7 thrombolysis, vascular health checks, scanning improvements and new stroke specification. Ongoing challenges highlighted included recruitment of specialist staff, availability of community rehabilitation, engaging all GP practices in health check programme.</p>	<p>HOSC 16th September 2010 and March 2011 – further updates on implementation of recommendations</p>
5.	<p>Nutrition, Hydration and Feeding in Hospitals Scrutiny Review</p>	<p>6 July 2009 - Review initiated. Review Board: Cllr Sylvia Tidy, Cllr Alex Hough (Chairman), Cllr Ruth O’Keeffe, Cllr Eve Martin, Cllr Diane Phillips. Brighton, West Sussex and East Sussex Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) will carry out visits to acute hospitals and question patients.</p> <p>12 November 2009 – Witness session – individual sessions – Lead for dietetics and lead nurse from BSUH and ESHT. Age Concern/Help the Aged update on outcomes from ‘Hungry to be Heard’ campaign – national representative and Chief Executive Aged Concern East Sussex</p> <p>12 February 2010 – Review Board met to take stock of evidence to date, agree priorities to focus on for remainder of the review and to discuss planned LINK visits.</p> <p><i>29 June 2010 – Review Board met to receive findings of LINK visits.</i></p> <p><i>17 August 2010 – Review Board met to discuss LINK findings and possible Review recommendations</i></p>	<p><i>Final report to HOSC for</i></p>

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		<i>with Trust representatives.</i>	<i>agreement 16th September 2010</i>
Committee items			
6.	Vaccination - cervical cancer	<p>Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination due to be introduced by NHS East Sussex Downs and Weald (ESDW) and NHS Hastings and Rother (H&R) from Autumn 2008.</p> <p>27 November 2008 – Alison Smith, Children’s Services Commissioning and Strategic Development Manager and Joanne Bernhaut, Consultant in Public Health, NHS ESDW/H&R outlined the HPV vaccination programme. This year all 12-13 years old will be offered the vaccination in the schools based programme. During 2008/09 17-18 year old women are being offered the vaccine via GPs.</p> <p>20 November 2009 – HOSC encouraged by progress uptake at immunisation 3 in August 2009 – ESDW 68% and H&R 75%. Additional information sought from Joanne Bernhaut to supplement information noted in her HOSC update paper.</p>	HOSC will continue to monitor vaccination uptake
7.	Developing maternity services in East Sussex (see also ‘Fit for the Future’ section of completed work for full history)	<p>16 September 2008 – HOSC received update from Vanessa Harris, Acting Chief Executive, NHS ESDW/H&R, on plan to take forward Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) recommendations following Secretary of State’s decision to reject original proposals. Also information on improving ante and post natal care and development of maternity dashboard.</p> <p>3 October 2008 – NHS ESDW/H&R published plan for taking forward IRP recommendations.</p> <p>27 November 2008 – HOSC received update from Vanessa Harris, Director of Finance and Ali Parsons, Strategy and Project Manager, NHS ESDW/H&R. Progress on improving ante and post natal care and outreach services welcomed but pace of change disappointing. HOSC requested the planned timescales and expected outcomes of the various projects underway. Projects include Hastings pilot Family Nurse Partnership, perinatal mental health and geographical working for midwives.</p> <p>January 2009 - Maternity Services Clinicians’ Forum and Maternity Services Development Panel set up to oversee development of new maternity strategy to include model for maintaining consultant-led services in both Eastbourne and Hastings.</p> <p>19 March 2009 – Mike Wood, Chief Executive, Dr Diana Grice, Director of Public Health, Jenny Phaure, Programme Manager, Ali Parsons, Strategy and Projects Manager, NHS ESDW/H&R presented Maternity Strategy for East Sussex, Network proposal for sustainable consultant-led</p>	

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		<p>services and engagement plan. HOSC indicated support for direction of travel in the Strategy and network approach.</p> <p>6 July 2009 - Mike Wood, Chief Executive, Lisa Compton, Director of Public Engagement and Corporate Affairs, Jenny Phaure, Programme Manager, NHS ESDW / NHS H&R gave progress report. Focus on plans for engaging local people and organisations. Summary of maternity services set-up in community asked for. HOSC endorses engagement plan.</p> <p>24 September 2009 – Jenny Phaure and Ali Parsons updated HOSC. Final Maternity Strategy to be submitted to PCT Boards in November. PCTs and ESHT debating cost to try and agree a figure for the two site model. Community services are in place but concerns on the rate of progress.</p> <p>20 November 2009 – Mike Wood, Jenny Phaure and Lisa Compton updated HOSC. HOSC endorsed the strategy with the agreement that geographic working be moved into the implementation plan. Dr Richard Brown, Chairman, Medical Director, Surrey and Sussex Local Medical Committee also spoke at HOSC about GPs concerns on geographical working.</p> <p>25 January 2010 – seminar held for HOSC members to discuss a range of issues with representatives from ESHT, NHS ESDW/H&R and MSDP.</p> <p>February 2010 – Implementation plan circulated to HOSC Members.</p> <p>11 March 2010 – Mike Wood and Jenny Phaure presented update report – strategy now agreed and focus shifted to implementation, although financial negotiations with ESHT ongoing. HOSC agreed to monitor progress on a six monthly basis, focusing on outcomes and using the maternity dashboard as key tool. Reports should reflect the whole of East Sussex, including Trusts based outside the county.</p>	<p>HOSC 16th September 2010 – monitoring report</p>
8.	Primary Angioplasty (treatment for heart attacks)	<p>Outcomes of the Sussex-wide options appraisal work being undertaken from March – November 2009. Briefing paper circulated to HOSC April 2009.</p> <p>20 November 2009 – Tina Wilmer, Programme Director, Unscheduled Care, NHS West Sussex briefed HOSC. The Committee welcomed the proposals for a 24/7 primary angioplasty service. Final configuration proposal expected by the end of the year. Debate between out of hours service at Conquest only or alternating between Eastbourne and Conquest (in hours service at both sites).</p> <p>March 2010 – Modelling work and local negotiation still ongoing. Final proposal not yet available. Delay update to HOSC until work is further developed. <i>May need to be taken forward as part of ESHT Clinical Services Strategy.</i></p>	<p>Awaiting final report before decision on next steps</p>

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9.	Primary Care Access / GP led health centres	<p>HOSC 16 June 2008 – John Vesely, Head of Primary Care, East Sussex PCTs briefed HOSC on 'equitable access to primary care' programme which involves one new GP led health centre in each PCT area and extending opening hours of existing GP practices. Health centres will offer 8am to 8pm services, 7 days a week to registered and non-registered patients, on bookable and 'walk in' basis. PCTs to run procurement process to appoint providers for each centre. Patient and public involvement underway.</p> <p>16 September 2008 – John Vesely, Head of Primary Care, NHS ESDW/NHS H&R updated HOSC on progress of procurement process and the service specification.</p> <p>19 March 2009 – John Vesely, Head of Primary Care, Dr Anna Barnes, Primary Care Business Change Manager, NHS ESDW/H&R and Simon Lawrence, Director of Development, South East Health updated HOSC. Five year contracts awarded to South East Health to run the two new GP-led health centres. Eastbourne centre opening September 2009 and Hastings centre opening in June 2010 in the Station Plaza Primary Care Centre.</p> <p>HOSC continued to support wider re-organisation of certain Hastings primary care services into the Station Plaza Primary Care Centre and endorsed the communication plan in relation to this.</p> <p>September 2009 – GP led health centre opened at Eastbourne Railway Station complex.</p> <p><i>17 June 2010 – Murray King, NHS ESDW/H&R and Gilly Wilford, South East Health updated HOSC. Station Plaza Centre just opened. Eastbourne Centre open for 6 months. Sexual Health clinic had been relocated to Station Plaza. HOSC raised a concern regarding consistent opening hours.</i></p>	<p><i>Email update Jan 2011 on impact of relocating sexual health clinic</i></p>
10.	HERMES Referral Management System	<p>31 October 2009 – System (to help GPs refer to most appropriate service) launched (managed by Harmoni) following successful pilot. HOSC decided to check how the system embeds over first 6 months, usage figures and any issues raised by GPs. Also what impact it is having on reducing unnecessary A&E attendances and hospital admissions.</p> <p><i>17 June 2010 – Nicky Murrell and Gillian Hamer, NHS ESWD/H&R presented HOSC with an assessment of the impact of the system. Usage had exceeded expectations with future developments to include a new IT system to enable better data collection and analysis to widen access to other health professionals. HERMES allowing commissioners to identify service gaps and commission new or redesigned services as required to avoid unnecessary hospital admissions.</i></p>	<p><i>HOSC to be notified of new service developments</i></p>
11.	Community Health Services	<p>8 September 2009 – NHS ESDW/NHS H&R exploring the options for future management of £70m community services. Objective to determine the management and then, as commissioners, determine</p>	

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	(Separation of PCT Provider Services)	<p>the best model of provision.</p> <p>April 2010 – deadline for plans for future management of community services to be submitted to SHA. Preferred option likely to be transfer to South Downs Health NHS Trust.</p> <p><i>August 2010 – letter from PCTs inviting comments on strategy for community health services as part of consultation process circulated to HOSC. HOSC Members invited to submit comments.</i></p>	HOSC 16 September 2010 – update on transfer and SDH plans
12.	Development of secure and forensic services at Hellingly	<p>20 November 2009 – Andrew Dean, Service Director Secure and Forensic Services, SPT briefed HOSC on the proposed redevelopment. Increase of medium secure beds from 45 to 60. Also the 20 low secure beds will be reduced to 15 (DH guidelines say only 15 beds per ward. HOSC endorsed the development proposals and consultation plans.</p> <p>11 March 2010 – Andrew Dean and Christine Bowman, SPT, reported outcomes of consultation process. Majority of responses were supportive. Trust proceeding with planning application with a view to beginning construction July 2010. Aim to open new build element late 2011 and refurbished element by April 2012.</p>	HOSC to be kept informed of progress and to be invited to open days planned at Hellingly site.
13.	Older people's mental health services (OPMH)	<p>20 March 2008 – Andrew Dean, Associate Director Older People's and Forensic Services, Sussex Partnership NHS Trust outlined plans on local strategy for reducing bed based provision for acute assessment of organic mental health needs (e.g. dementia) in favour of community based assessment, including specific proposals for Milton Court, Eastbourne and Beechwood Unit, Uckfield.</p> <p>HOSC set up a Task group to scrutinise aspects of the specific proposals including consultation plan and investment in community services. HOSC also requested a presentation on wider strategy for older people's mental health services to set context for specific proposals.</p> <p>16 June 2008 HOSC – Report back from Task Group was endorsed and HOSC received joint presentation on the wider strategy for older people's mental health services from Andrew Dean, Associate Director Older People's and Forensic Services, Sussex Partnership NHS Trust, Kate Dawson, Head of Strategic Commissioning (Mental Health Social Care and Supporting People), Adult Social Care, East Sussex County Council and Martin Packwood, Commissioning Manager, East Sussex PCTs. Key themes – prevention, provide more care, closer to home, reduce hospital admissions, improve joint working, more intensive home care, sheltered housing, extra care housing schemes</p>	

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		<p>23 July 2008 – Task Group met and considered consultation feedback. Task Group endorsed proposals subject to its recommendations.</p> <p>16 September 2008 – Task Group’s final response and recommendations noted. Agreed to monitor progress on community and inpatient care for older people with organic mental health needs.</p> <p>24 September 2009 – Martin Packwood, Joint Commissioning Manager for Mental Health, NHS ESDW/NHS H&R/ESCC; Neil Waterhouse, Service Director OPMH, SPT; Nigel Hussey, Commissioning Manager, NHS ESDW/NHS H&R updated HOSC. Impact of National Dementia Strategy, East Sussex initiatives underway and additional funding obtained.</p> <p>As regards Beechwood unit, HOSC endorsed SPT’s implementation of the proposals for inpatient acute assessment beds and associated developments in community services for older people with organic mental health needs.</p>	<p>HOSC 16th September 2010 update on OPMH strategy, to include update on Beechwood.</p>
14.	Day and vocational mental health services for adults	<p>19 March 2009 – Kate Dawson, Head of Strategic Commissioning (Mental Health Social Care and Supporting People), Adult Social Care, ESCC and Caspar Murphy, Director of Operations, Sussex Oakleaf gave an overview to HOSC of the review of day and vocational mental health services for adults and the new service model. Two service user representatives, Lesley Knight and Anne Arnold outlined their involvement in the review process. The new provider contracts start on 1st July 2009. HOSC welcomed the new service model and agreed to check how successful its implementation had been after one full year of operation.</p>	<p>HOSC 16th September 2010 – review of year 1</p>
15.	NHS Dentistry	<p>This item remains from an original list of potential topics generated by HOSC in October 2003.</p> <p>Full details of the new dental contract provisions are available on the Department of Health website: <i>What you need to know about changes to NHS dentistry in England.</i></p> <p>HOSC: 23 June 2006 –highlighted concerns and requested further report.</p> <p>22 September 2006 HOSC view: The new dental contract has not helped NHS dentistry services in East Sussex. HOSC remains concerned that some of the most vulnerable people may not be receiving dental treatment and health inequalities are not being addressed adequately.</p> <p>HOSC: 30 November 2006 noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCTs and dentists are still embedding new contract changes PCTs consider there is a match between provision and need. Higher numbers of dentists are now accepting NHS patients. Contract disputes reduced and resolved. 	

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		<p>No major impact in localities of rejected contracts.</p> <p>Contract has no major long term impact on Emergency Dental Services.</p> <p>Estimate £1m patient charges deficit this year.</p> <p>HOSC endorsed the proposal for Community Dental Services (CDS) clinics based in Crowborough and Heathfield to close and patients to be transferred to enhanced Uckfield and Hailsham clinics. HOSC's endorsement is subject to the service consulting all affected patients and resolving any additional transport requirements.</p> <p>HOSC maintaining a watching brief on waiting times for CDS patients which are considered to be poor even with the anticipated improvements. (After 12 months: Heathfield from 10 to 8 weeks and Crowborough from 24 to 17 weeks.)</p> <p>30 November 2007 HOSC – Jane Hewitt and Phil Hamlin updated HOSC. HOSC advised: 4,000 more NHS dental patients were treated in East Sussex in 24 previous months to 31 March 2007. Over 85% of dental patients said their dental appointment was as soon as necessary. Access to NHS dentistry in county generally meets targets.</p> <p>Special Care Dental Services – no issues emerged from closure of Crowborough and Heathfield clinics. Proposed merger of Seaford clinic and Peacehaven delayed.</p> <p>HOSC asked for numbers and locations of NHS dentistry surgeries which have wheelchair access. Patients Association Dental Report published March 2008.</p> <p>4 March 2008 – Emergency Dental Services Review workshop held. Cllr Lambert attended for HOSC.</p> <p>27 November 2008 – Jane Hewitt, Dental Services Development Manager updated HOSC. Waiting times reduced and number of dentists accepting NHS patients increased since a year ago. HOSC asked for comparative data for NHS dentistry access amongst other PCTs nationally. Also notification when consultation on plans for special care dental services in Seaford and Newhaven is due to begin.</p> <p>2 February 2009 – HOSC contributed to Department of Health review of NHS dentistry by Professor Jimmy Steele. Extract of contribution...improvements are welcome. However, HOSC continues to hear anecdotal evidence that some people perceive access to NHS dentistry to be difficult...' HOSC also asked what an appropriate target figure for NHS dentistry access should be.</p> <p>20 November – HOSC noted services are now available at 88 practices across East Sussex and the number of practices accepting new NHS patients has increased to 58. The number of practices with wheelchair access has increased to 53. Media campaign to increase awareness undertaken. HOSC</p>	<p>HOSC will continue</p>

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		<p>members asked to submit any additional queries.</p> <p><i>August 2010 – PCT briefing paper on proposed changes to special care dental services in Hastings. Proposed closure of clinic in Ore and transfer to more accessible clinic in St Leonards. HOSC invited to submit any comments.</i></p>	<p>to monitor access and specific developments as they arise</p>
16.	<p>Foundation Trust Status – East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust</p>	<p>May 2007 –East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust (ESHT) announced they will be seeking foundation trust status. HOSC in preliminary discussions on the issue and its likely impact on Trust’s strategic direction.</p> <p>ESHT consultation started in July 2007.</p> <p>14 June 2007 – Preliminary meeting between HOSC and Trusts representatives.</p> <p>21 September 2007 HOSC – response to ESHT consultation. Consultation period ended 29 September 2007. Foundation Trust application to be submitted 1 November 2007.</p> <p>27 November 2007 – letter from Chairman of Trust – deferring application.</p> <p>17 March 2009 – HOSC Chairman met with Kim Hodgson, Chief Executive and representatives, ESHT. Application now due to be submitted to SHA July 2009.</p> <p>19 March – HOSC agreed to write letter re-affirming HOSC endorsement of the Trust’s proposed strategy for development of services should the Trust achieve Foundation Trust status.</p> <p>1 July 2009 – Letter re-affirming HOSC endorsement sent. Included concerns on the fact that Foundation Trust board meetings are not held in public.</p> <p>28 August 2009 – Letter from Chairman of ESHT explaining further delay in FT application. If FT application successful, ESHT will hold public meetings.</p> <p>March 2010 – Letter from Chairman of ESHT - Kim Hodgson to leave ESHT 31 March 2010 to be replaced by Darren Grayson as interim Chief Executive pending permanent replacement.</p> <p><i>June 2010 – Darren Grayson confirmed as Chief Executive of ESHT</i></p>	<p>HOSC awaiting further information from the Trust</p>
17.	<p>Foundation Trust Status - BSUH</p>	<p>8 September 2009 – Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust announced plans for Foundation Trust and aim to be authorised in autumn 2010.</p> <p>20 November 2009 – Duncan Selbie, Chief Executive and Alex Sienkiewicz, Company Secretary, BSUH briefed HOSC on proposals to submit application for Foundation Trust status. Assurance that</p>	<p>HOSC to respond during consultation period – awaiting further information from BSUH</p>

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		Board meetings would continue to be held in public.	
18.	Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals (BSUH) NHS Trust 3Ts	<p>October 2008 – BSUH contacted HOSC to arrange presentation on Teaching, Trauma, Tertiary Care (3Ts) outline business case. This involves redevelopment of the Royal Sussex County Hospital site in Brighton.</p> <p>6 July 2009 – Presentation by Duncan Selbie, Chief Executive and Nick Groves, Associate Director (3T Service Modernisation), BSUH. HOSC endorses the approach of the teaching hospital and the benefits of being a teaching establishment. HOSC is encouraged to see the progress to date. £450 million development (funding to be sought from Treasury). Three stages to the construction which is scheduled to begin in summer/autumn of 2010. Final stage is expected to be completed by July 2019. Mike Wood, Chief Executive NHS ESDW / NHS H&R gave the PCTs' perspective – supports the development overall but it is important that it fits with local services. HOSC will receive update information reports as the programme progresses and at key stages e.g. decamp plans, funding decisions and construction timing.</p> <p><i>17 June 2010 – Presentation by Duncan Selbie, Chief Executive and Duane Passman outlining the stages of the development to establish RSCH as a level 1 major trauma centre and building a new cancer centre. They highlighted the need for a full planning application to be made and that flexibility had been built into the scheme to accommodate further development.</i></p>	<p><i>HOSC requested further information on criteria for mix of single/multi bedded rooms and updates by email at key points in the process</i></p>
19.	Infection control	<p>Performance of local NHS on infection control targets, notably Clostridium Difficile (C Diff) and Methycillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA).</p> <p>February/March 2009 - Outbreak of C Diff at Eastbourne DGH caused temporary closure of hospital to non-emergency admissions. Trust remains below its annual target for infections.</p> <p>17 March 2009 – HOSC Chairman met with Kim Hodgson, Chief Executive and Dr David Scott, Medical Director of East Sussex Hospitals Trust (ESHT) to gain assurances regarding action being taken in response to outbreak.</p> <p>2 April 2009 – HOSC Chairman met with Irene Dibben, Chairman, ESHT to discuss action being taken and latest situation.</p> <p>8 April 2009 – HOSC Chairman letter to Irene Dibben requesting report for July 2009 HOSC and weekly updates on C Diff status during April.</p> <p>6 July 2009 – Kim Hodgson, Chief Executive and Dr Barry Phillips, Director of Infection Prevention and Control presented report analysing the causes and lessons learnt from the C Diff outbreak at</p>	<p>HOSC maintaining watching brief on</p>

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		<p>Eastbourne DGH. Outbreak declared over on 14 April 2009. Infection rates for C Diff and MRSA have now dropped off dramatically. HOSC noted the Trust's approach to infection control and lesson learnt. Trust now has a rapid response team and can 'bomb' rooms with deep clean equipment.</p> <p><i>July 2010 – ESHT supplied briefing reviewing recent infection control issues and actions. HOSC invited to raise any issues.</i></p>	<p>infection levels and retain the option to request further reports if required</p>

Potential 'reactive' topics

These are topics which the local NHS organisations are likely to raise with HOSC and HOSC may need to respond to. It is expected that further topics will arise during the year but those below are those we are currently aware of.

	Issue	Summary	Action
1.	Strategic Services Review	<i>Comprehensive review of care pathways, particularly acute care, being undertaken jointly by NHS ESDW/NHS H&R and ESHT. HOSC will need to be engaged in early discussions and consider proposals resulting from the review.</i>	<i>HOSC introductory seminar 3 September 2010. Formal reports once proposals begin to emerge.</i>
2.	NHS White Paper	<i>HOSC to consider response to White Paper and schedule in issues arising – starting with public health aspects.</i>	<i>Invite Director of Public Health to HOSC meeting</i>
3.	Amberstone Nurseries	PCT funding being stopped December 2010. Possibility of converting to a social enterprise.	Awaiting more information from PCTs and SPT

Topics being considered

These are topics identified by HOSC as potential areas of work in the future.

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1.	End of life care	8 September 2009 – look at how national strategies are being implemented locally and summary of practice in East Sussex e.g. good practice, role of hospices, funding issues	Information request (and consider Task Group in 2011)
2.	Immunisation and infectious diseases	Possible future agenda item or briefing on take up of immunisations and reporting of infectious diseases. Link to HPV item. 8 September 2008 – possible issue should swine flu cases rise substantially. Information request on status of MMR vaccination and cases of measles <i>August 2010 – Issue raised re excess winter deaths in Lewes District – possible link to</i>	Watching brief - Information request if issues emerge

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		<i>uptake of flu vaccination</i>	
3.	Prison health Care	<p>PCTs recently taken over responsibility for prison healthcare. Lewes prison recently expanded capacity. Link to mental health services. Possible future agenda topic? Nigel Foote to attend. <i>N.B LINK may be undertaking work on this topic.</i></p> <p>8 September 2009 – will prison services be contracted out by the PCT? Need to consider mental health and drug use aspects as well as impact of increased number of secure beds at Hellingly.</p>	<i>Schedule item when time available</i>

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Acronyms Glossary

ASC – Adult Social Care

BSUH – Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust

ESDW – East Sussex Downs and Weald

ESHT – East Sussex Hospitals Trust

GP – General Practitioner

H&R – Hastings and Rother

HOSC – Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

LINK – Local Involvement Network

NHS - National Health Service

PCT – Primary Care Trust

SECAMB – South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust

SHA – Strategic Health Authority

SPT – Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust