

East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC): Progress review: Completed work from 2003



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1.	Choice and Booking	<p>1 December 2005: HOSC agreed to maintain a watching brief on 'Choose and Book' to address particular concerns that appear to be hindering full and effective implementation.</p> <p>August 2006: Preliminary indication – performance data for East Sussex particularly hard to get. Nationally the number of referrals via Choose and Book is increasing and averages at 21%. The South East Coast SHA is achieving 11%. East Sussex scoring approximately 5% against a planned 35%. Within Surrey and Sussex, East Sussex currently the worst performing area.</p> <p>22 September 2006: HOSC critical of 'disappointing' roll out across the county. The problem was blamed on technical problems and on the fact that important data had yet to be uploaded to the system by the acute trust. HOSC requested the financial implications of slow take-up to be assessed.</p> <p>30 November 2006: HOSC noted improvement in performance of Choose and Book. Currently 600 referrals a week across East Sussex. This compares with 89/90 a week in September 2006.</p> <p>HOSC concerned that East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust has taken orthopaedics 'off menu'. Choose and Book team liaising with GPs and trying to improve capacity. Choose and Book management team in place until March 2007.</p> <p>20 March 2008 – Referrals in East Sussex running 20% to 30% and national target is 90%. Hardware, software, user friendliness and lack of named consultant issues previously highlighted had largely been resolved. PCTs confident that East Sussex referrals will reach 50% by September. Suggested 90% target is unattainable as this target assumes all referrals are good for Choice and Booking.</p> <p>16 September 2008 – John Vesely, Head of Primary Care, NHS ESDW/H&R updated HOSC. East Sussex Downs and Weald at 32% and Hastings and Rother at 35%. SHA has set target of 75% by December 2008. If referral rates fail to</p>	

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		<p>improve, PCTs will consider referral management system.</p> <p>19 March 2009 – John Vesely, Head of Primary Care, NHS ESDW/H&R updated HOSC. Uptake still only 20% to 35%. PCTs will not give up on the system and will work with GPs on ways to monitor referrals. Strategic Health Authority (SHA) also taking an interest in East Sussex situation. £25k funding from SHA to raise public awareness.</p> <p><i>17 June 2010 – Murray King, NHS ESDW/H&R updated HOSC. Evidence suggests patients are receiving a choice and appropriate appointments, but the electronic system is not generally well used. Service transformation programmes are under way and the offering of choice would continue to be monitored.</i></p>	<p><i>Resolved to cease monitoring</i></p>
2.	<p>Potential merger of PCTs in East Sussex</p>	<p>22 January 2010 – Letter from Mike Wood, Chief Executive, NHS ESDW/H&R confirming consideration of potential move to a single PCT for East Sussex and requesting views on consultation arrangements. HOSC reply February 2010.</p> <p><i>17 June 2010 – Sam Chittenden and Lisa Compton, NHS ESDW/H&R presented a report to HOSC outlined potential savings of £600k without impacting front-line services. The SHA was anticipated to begin a six week consultation period imminently.</i></p> <p><i>August 2010 – Following publication of the NHS White Paper which envisages phasing out of PCTs, the merger will not proceed. PCT Boards will hold joint Board meetings as part of streamlined working</i></p>	<p><i>No further action required.</i></p>
3.	<p>Long term conditions strategy</p>	<p>March 06 - HOSC endorsed the scrutiny review recommendation that the Transforming Chronic Care Programme (TCCP) public forum should facilitate wider involvement in East Sussex.</p> <p>December 2006 – update paper drafted and to be reviewed in the New Year by Project Board (Cllr Rogers, O’Keeffe, Wilson and Martin.)</p> <p>February 2007 – East Sussex wide Long-term Conditions (LTC) Strategic Steering Group established. It will lead and contribute to the strategic development and direction of the Long Term Care agenda including models of LTC care. It will build on the legacy of the TCCP.</p>	

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		<p>23 March 2007 – HOSC advised on East Sussex wide Long Term Conditions Steering Group. HOSC to follow progress.</p> <p>6 March 2008 – Sarah Crouch revisiting TCCP health and social care staff survey and TCCP general population survey (2005) – results expected July 2008.</p> <p>27 November 2008 – Fiona Streeter, Service Design and Transformation Manager, East Sussex PCTs, Sarah Crouch, Putting People First Service Development Manager, Adult Social Care and Jessie McArthur, Head of Policy and Service Development update HOSC presented survey results and next steps. Joint strategy for improving the care of people with long term conditions is being developed by East Sussex PCTs and Adult Social Care. HOSC will be invited to participate in the consultation work surrounding the development of the strategy.</p> <p>March 2010 – Brief on new 'Improving Life Chances' strategy circulated to HOSC Members. HOSC Members invited to highlight any issues the Committee should pursue. N.B ASC Scrutiny Committee is already monitoring progress with this strategy.</p>	<p><i>No further action planned unless specific issues identified</i></p>
4.	Epilepsy	<p>8 September 2009 – brief required on current epilepsy service and demand etc. The premise is that a specialist epilepsy hospital unit is required in East Sussex.</p>	<p><i>6 December 2009 – Information brief distributed to HOSC.</i></p>
5.	Returning armed forces personnel	<p>8 September 2009 – determine scale of services and number of service personnel in East Sussex, funding etc before deciding on any further work.</p>	<p><i>6 December 2009 – information brief distributed to HOSC</i></p>
6.	Prevention – e.g. making pavements safer in icy conditions	<p>Cllr O'Keeffe raised the issue 11 January 2010 – residents have raised concern about cost to health service of falls due to ice and snow. Would it be cost effective for the health service to support initiatives to make pavements safer?</p>	<p>Information received March 2010 and forwarded to Transport and Environment Scrutiny Committee who are reviewing this area.</p>
7.	South East Coast Ambulance Trust (SECAMB) Foundation Trust application and	<p>July 2008 – HOSC Chairman met with Geraint Davies, Director of Corporate Affairs and Geoff Catling, Head of Estates regarding SECAMB strategy for ambulance stations and development of new 'make ready' depots. Visit to make</p>	<p>September 2009 – agreed to endorse estates strategy and FT application. No further</p>

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	estates strategy	<p>ready depot to be arranged.</p> <p>24 September 2009 – Geraint Davies, Director of Corporate Affairs presented on SECAMB's application to become a Foundation Trust. HOSC agreed to respond to SECAMB's Foundation Trust consultation and this would include an endorsement of the Trust's vision and plans.</p> <p>24 September 2009 – Geoff Catling, Head of Estates presented on SECAMB's make ready depot arrangements and strategy for the ambulance station network. HOSC endorsed the strategy</p>	action required.
8.	Annual Health Check (Review of Healthcare Commission draft declarations for each local NHS trust)	<p>HOSC to comment on performance of East Sussex PCTs, East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust, Sussex Partnership Trust, South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust and Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust against core standards based on work undertaken during the year.</p> <p>12 October 2006: Healthcare Commission 2005/2006 assessment and ratings for the NHS in East Sussex published. Detailed information: www.healthcarecommission.org.uk</p> <p>23 March 2007 – HOSC submitted commentary on the performance of NHS organisations against the few relevant national standards.</p> <p>20 March 2008 – HOSC agreed to make no comments this year due to Fit for the Future work taking precedence and utilising all HOSC's resources.</p> <p>10 December 2008 – HOSC seminar to investigate the reasons for East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT's deterioration from 'fair' to 'weak' for quality of services. Mike Wood, Chief Executive, Lisa Compton, Director of Patient and Public Engagement and Corporate Affairs, Graham Griffiths, Head of Development attended. ESDW is appealing against the rating. Result expected from the Healthcare Commission around February 2009.</p> <p>19 March 2009 – HOSC agreed approach to 2008/9 Annual Health Check. Letters sent to each relevant NHS organisation, based on an overview of the year's work. General comments with a particular focus on the patient and public involvement aspects of the national standards. The letter included comment on the organisation's engagement with HOSC. Healthcare Commission merged into Care</p>	September 2009 – new regulator (Care Quality Commission) now in place and Annual Health Check process no longer exists.

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		<p>Quality Commission from 1 April 2009. 2009/10 process to be confirmed.</p> <p>24 September 2009 – HOSC agreed not to submit commentary as part of the final Annual Health Check process for 2009/2010. The process has been moved forward to November 2009 (instead of March/April 2010) only a short time has elapsed since HOSC last submitted commentary. Care Quality Commission – new regulator for health and social care.</p>	
9.	<p>Mental Capacity Act – applying for Power of Attorney</p>	<p>27 November 2008 – HOSC Task Group established, comprising Cllr Ruth O’Keeffe and Cllr Sylvia Tidy, to consider support for patients and carers in relation to aspects of the Mental Capacity Act. Objective: <i>To examine the support and advice available to individuals, families and carers in East Sussex when applying for power of attorney for someone lacking mental capacity and to make recommendations as appropriate.</i></p> <p>Review board evidence gathering sessions held: 7 January 2009, 9 February 2009, 23 March 2009.</p> <p>6 July 2009 – HOSC endorsed final report. HOSC wrote to Public Guardian, local Mental Capacity Act managers etc for responses to the recommendations.</p> <p>20 November 2009 – encouraging response to recommendations noted. Improved information distribution, Buy with Confidence scheme to highlight solicitors, simpler forms, reduced fee.</p>	<p>November 2009 – agreed that response to recommendations sufficient – no further action planned.</p>
10.	<p>Fit for the Future (up to the announcement of Secretary of State’s decision to reject single site proposals – ongoing work on maternity strategy remains on current work programme)</p>	<p>Consultation about future strategy for improving health care in Surrey and Sussex.</p> <p>23 June 2006: Debbie Bamford, East Sussex Transitional Lead Chief Executive questioned.</p> <p>August 2006 – draft sustainability plans received.</p> <p>22 September 2006 – Nick Yeo, Chief Executive, East Sussex PCTs questioned.</p> <p>30 November 2006 – Nick Yeo, Chief Executive East Sussex PCTs and Cllr John Barnes, Chairman, East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT advised HOSC and outlined Fit for the Future parameters.</p> <p>23 March 2007 – Nick Yeo, Chief Executive East Sussex PCTs presented to HOSC on specific Fit for the Future proposals centred on maternity and related</p>	

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		<p>services plus plan for consultation plan from 26 March to 27 July 2007. HOSC agreed to undertake a series of evidence gathering sessions to inform the Committee's response to the consultation.</p> <p>17 May to 25 July 2008 – HOSC evidence gathering sessions</p> <p>21 September 2007 – Progress update on PCTs' consultation and HOSC ongoing evidence gathering.</p> <p>10 October 2007 – HOSC agreed recommendations and report to PCTs. Report distributed week beginning 15 October 2007.</p> <p>30 November 2007 – Nick Yeo updated HOSC. PCTs Board 20 December 2007 to review all the evidence on Fit for the Future options and take a decision.</p> <p>20 December 2007 – PCT Boards recommend single site consultant led maternity unit in Hastings and midwife led unit in Eastbourne. PCT Boards accepted all recommendations in the HOSC report.</p> <p>28 January 2008 – HOSC recommended referral of PCTs decision to single site to the Secretary of State for an independent review unless the PCTs change their position. PCTs' response received 20 February 2008.</p> <p>3 March 2008 – HOSC confirmed decision to refer the proposals to the Secretary of State.</p> <p>31 March 2008 – Referral submitted to Secretary of State.</p> <p>2 May 2008 –Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) confirmed that a full review will be undertaken. HOSC met twice with IRP in June. The IRP submitted report to Secretary of State July 2008.</p> <p>16 June 2008 – HOSC received update on maternity strategy from PCTs. HOSC requested quality measures and to monitor Fit for Future recommendations on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>September 2008 – Secretary of State announces rejection of single site proposals and new process for developing a revised maternity strategy began (see current work programme)</p>	<p>September 2008 – HOSC moved on to monitoring development of new maternity strategy in line with IRP recommendations (see current work programme)</p>

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11.	Fit for the Future in West Sussex and Brighton and Hove	<p>23 March 2007 – John Wilderspin, Chief Executive, West Sussex PCT at HOSC.</p> <p>26 June 2007 – West Sussex PCT and Brighton and Hove PCT publish proposals and consultation programme. Joint HOSC formed – Brighton and Hove City Council, East Sussex CC, Hampshire CC, Portsmouth City Council, Surrey CC, West Sussex CC. Cllr Phillips and Cllr Rogers members from East Sussex HOSC. Cllr Tidy as substitute member.</p> <p>4 July 2007 – Inaugural meeting of Joint HOSC</p> <p>25 July 2007 – Joint HOSC – decision to refer the consultation process to the Secretary of State for Health on the basis that the consultation process with the committee had been inadequate in terms of time and otherwise flawed.</p> <p>September 2007 to April 2008 –Joint HOSC evidence gathering</p> <p>2 May 2008 Joint HOSC final report published.</p> <p>7 May 2008 West Sussex PCT board chooses ‘model three’ – one major general hospital and two local general hospitals ‘plus’.</p> <p>4 June 2008 – West Sussex PCT decided that major general hospital will be Worthing.</p> <p>25 June 2008 – Joint HOSC reviewed PCTs’ decisions.</p> <p>10 July 2008 – West Sussex PCT confirmed decisions made.</p> <p>23 July 2008 – Joint HOSC decided to refer proposals to Secretary of State based on: insufficient clarity on service model; lack of clinical consensus on proposals; financial sustainability of Royal West Sussex NHS Trust as a Foundation Trust; failure to fully explore alternative options for the retention of consultant led maternity services at Princes Royal and St Richard’s Hospital.</p> <p>27 November 2008 – HOSC updated. West Sussex Fit for the Future plans on hold pending the outcome of the proposals for a merger between Worthing and Southlands and Royal West Sussex NHS Trusts. This delay includes plans for services at the Princess Royal Hospital in Haywards Heath.</p> <p>March 2009 – In the light of the proposed merger, West Sussex PCT is reviewing the Board’s original decision to centralise inpatient paediatrics; consultant-led</p>	

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		<p>inpatient maternity services and emergency surgery. The final proposals will be submitted to the PCT Board in September 2009. Further public consultation may then be required in the Autumn. The Joint HOSC will reconvene and could reconfirm the original referral to the Secretary of State or, if there are different proposals, these could be considered along with any consultation process.</p>	<p>2 December 2009 – NHS West Sussex plans to centralise above services abandoned. Joint HOSC dissolved. Original referral to Secretary of State for Health withdrawn.</p>
12.	Audiology	<p>May 2008 – Further update on waiting times required to determine whether these have improved.</p> <p>June 2008 – information request to PCTs</p> <p>October 2008 – responses received from East Sussex PCTs and Brighton and Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust</p>	<p>Significant improvement in waiting times. Audiology comes under 18 weeks referral to treatment programme.</p>
13.	Delayed transfers of care (DTCs)	<p>3 March 2006: Special HOSC noted that East Sussex has worst performance on DTCs for the previous three years. HOSC questioned Kim Hodgson (Chief Executive of East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust) on actions being taken by the trust.</p> <p>22 September 2006: HOSC noted consistently improving performance by Adult Social Care over the last year, but a worsening position for other reasons for delayed transfers of care. DTCs show a sustained improvement in East Sussex but HOSC is still concerned at the comparatively high level of cases. HOSC does not believe the DTC position is satisfactory. The emphasis is on preventative services and reducing the number of people admitted to hospital. East Sussex County Council paid almost £1.4 million in fines in 2005/06 to East Sussex Hospitals Trust for DTCs.</p> <p>30 November 2006: HOSC noted an improving position on delayed transfers of</p>	

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		<p>care.</p> <p>23 March 2007 – HOSC noted continuing improvement on numbers of delayed transfers of care, particularly those delayed for social services reasons. Evaluation information on the East Sussex Emergency Care Practitioner scheme provided.</p> <p><i>8 September 2009 – as at 6 August 2009 DTCs totalled 65; 15 were due to social care reasons. In May 2007 DTCs were under 40 compared to an average of 74 during 2005/2006. The number of DTCs due to social care reasons was in single figures.</i></p>	<p>Improvement has been sustained. HOSC work completed but will return to issue if situation deteriorates in future.</p>
14.	<p>Shaping the future of mental health, learning disability and substance misuse services in Sussex</p>	<p>The Sussex Partnership NHS was formed on 1 April 2006 covering East Sussex, Brighton & Hove and West Sussex. East Sussex HOSC retains an independent scrutiny of mental health and learning disability with issues being referred to neighbouring HOSCs only when a joint approach is required (17 March 2006 HOSC).</p> <p>March 2006: HOSC commented on the consultation leading up to the formation of the new Trust.</p> <p>22 September 2006 HOSC: Lorraine Reid, Executive Director for East Sussex Locality, Sussex Partnership Trust briefed HOSC on organisation of services. The Trust and service commissioners are working together to reduce out-of-hours treatment and to give service users greater choice in their treatment. The drive is toward treating people earlier and trying to reduce the number of patients who develop acute conditions.</p> <p>23 March 2007 HOSC wrote to Lisa Rodrigues to highlight concerns about the lack of consultation with the local community and with HOSC on plans for Homefield Place. Lisa Rodrigues responded.</p> <p>HOSC 21 September 2007 – Lorraine Reid, Executive Director for East Sussex explained that service plans for the future are in construction. Commissioning strategies are in place for all but one of the care groups. The adult mental health strategy is scheduled for completion in October 2007.</p> <p>HOSC 16 September 2008 – Lorraine Reid explained working age adults' mental health service developments. £3 million investment for improving therapy. 50 new</p>	<p>September 2008 – HOSC moved on to scrutiny of</p>

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		<p>workers. Service based in primary care and focus on treating conditions such as anxiety and depression through cognitive behaviour therapy.</p> <p>Commissioners asked to clarify strategy and model as regards the day centre provision and establishment of 'Individual Placement Service'.</p>	<p>specific service areas – see older peoples mental health and day and vocational services item on current work programme</p>
15.	Carers' Review	<p>The review, concluded in June 2006 examined range of issues around supporting carers including attitude of GPs towards carers, strengths and weaknesses of the carers' assessment process and experience of carers in hospital admission and discharge.</p> <p>30 November 2006: HOSC noted progress in implementation of recommendations in Children's Services' June 2006 review of support to young carers.</p> <p>Care for the Carers support the direction of travel set out in the young carers' development and improvement plan. HOSC endorsed the satisfactory progress and is encouraged to see the issues being addressed.</p> <p>16 June 2008 – Richard Baldwin, Operations Manager, Integrated Services (West) and Mark Braddock, Manager of Services for Young Carers, Care for the Carers updated HOSC on services for young carers progress. HOSC endorses admirable progress of Young Carers Strategy Group and joint protocols between Adult Services and Children's Services.</p> <p>8 September 2009 – new national strategy and objectives and funding have gone to the PCTs. HOSC to be briefed on how this funding is being used.</p>	<p>June 2008 - HOSC to receive copies of reports on young carers issues for information/monitoring purposes</p> <p><i>Information received January 2010 and circulated to HOSC March 2010.</i></p>
16.	Local Involvement Netorks (LINKs)	<p>February 2007 – ESCC Community Services Scrutiny Review initiated review on Council's relationship with the voluntary and community sector (VCS). Scope included the Council's role in establishing a LINK which the Government proposes should replace PPI Forums.</p> <p>July 2007 – Interim report from Scrutiny Review – the establishment of a LINK in East Sussex</p> <p>HOSC 21 September – HOSC noted progress on development of East Sussex LINK and agreed should be a standing item on HOSC agenda until LINK</p>	

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		<p>established.</p> <p>HOSC 30 November 2007 – Procurement of ‘host organisation’ to support the LINK procurement underway.</p> <p>1 April 2008 – LINK established and expected to be fully operational by the end of the summer. East Sussex Disability Association (ESDA) appointed as host to provide support to the LINK. LINK representative to join HOSC. Janet Colvert, Chair LINK Interim Core Group</p> <p>16 June 2008 – update received. LINK established and developing protocols, membership etc. Protocol for LINK referrals to HOSC agreed. Janet Colvert joins HOSC as LINK representative.</p>	<p>June 2008 - Janet Colvert is liaison person between LINK and HOSC.</p>
17.	<p>Foundation Status – <i>Sussex Partnership NHS Trust</i></p>	<p>May 2007 – Sussex Partnership NHS Trust (SPT) announced they will be seeking foundation trust status. HOSC is in preliminary discussions on the issue and its likely impact on Trust’s strategic direction.</p> <p>5 October 2007 – Sussex Partnership Trust NHS foundation trust application: public consultation 8 October to 28 December 2007.</p> <p>14 October 2007 – Proposal document distributed to HOSC members</p> <p>30 November 2007 HOSC – Lisa Rodrigues Chief Executive and Ann Merricks Assistant Chief Executive update HOSC</p> <p>28 December 2007 – consultation ended</p>	<p>Announcement 1st August 2008 that Trust has gained Foundation Trust and teaching status.</p> <p>Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust</p>
18.	<p>East Sussex PCTs information requests</p>	<p>14 January 2008 – mobile community glaucoma service briefing received following query from a GP practice. GP now taking matters up with the PCT direct. Not a substantial variation.</p> <p>6 March 2008 – Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) – 10 April 2008 additional information received from Nick Yeo</p> <p>17 April 2008 – Age related macular degeneration treatment – Nick Yeo confirmed patients who meet the draft NICE guidance are automatically approved for treatment</p>	<p>21 May 2008 - no further action</p> <p>21 May 2008 - no further action</p> <p>21 May 2008 - no further action</p>

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19.	Haemophilia services	<p>October 2007 – Configuration of haemophilia services – Pan Thames Haemophilia Consortium proposing a review.</p> <p>March 2008 – Peter Finn, Head of Commissioning, East Sussex PCTs supplied initial information. Specialised services commissioners’ scrutiny.</p>	21 May 2008 - no further action anticipated
20.	Burns services	<p>Regional proposals are awaited on the provision of burns services affecting East Sussex. Lead HOSC member.</p> <p>30 November 2006: Nation Burns Care consultation stalled. Proposals not expected until the New Year.</p> <p>Department of Health consultation underway on ‘Planning for the management of burn injured patients in the event of a major incident’. Closing date: 31 January 2007.</p>	May 2008 - HOSC: no further action anticipated
21.	<p>Patient and Public Involvement Forums (PPIFs)</p> <p><i>A stronger local voice consultation and development of Local Involvement Networks</i></p>	<p>HOSC members “buddy” with individual PPIFs and maintain a relationship by attending some of the PPIF public meetings and then reporting activity between HOSC and PPIFs.</p> <p>July 2006: Department of Health published <i>A Stronger Local Voice</i> for information and comment. The proposals include:</p> <p>The abolition of PPIFs and the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health. Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) to be established by every local authority (supported with additional funding) with social services responsibilities LINKs to have special relationship with HOSCs and the power to refer matters to them.</p> <p>HOSCs in future to be encouraged to focus on the commissioning of services.</p> <p>September 2006: PPIFs in East Sussex reconfiguring to match new PCT structure.</p> <p>22 September 2006: HOSC considered Department of Health proposals to replace PPI Forums with local involvement networks (LINKs). HOSC criticised proposals which would see public and patient representatives lose their right to inspect hospitals and other NHS institutions. However, HOSC welcomed proposals to enhance the scope of HOSCs under the new arrangements. Press release</p>	

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		<p>issued. HOSC also relays its views to SHA and Department of Health.</p> <p>December 2006: government is to allow inspections of hospitals and other NHS institutions by LINKs. This followed lobbying by HOSCs and other stakeholders.</p> <p>February 2007 – ongoing discussions on how the relationships between PPI Forums and HOSC will evolve through the formation of LINKs.</p> <p>23 March 2007 – HOSC noted national and local developments in terms of LINKs. A third co-opted member will join HOSC.</p> <p>21 September HOSC – Professor Peter Cox Chairman Hastings & Rother PCT PPI Forum nominated PPI Forum HOSC representative and joins HOSC. Individual HOSC members allocated to each PPI Forum.</p> <p>31 March 2008 – PPI Forums disbanded. Professor Peter Cox stands down from HOSC.</p>	<p>1 April 2008 – closed. Local Involvement Network (LINK) supersedes PPI Forums</p>
22.	<p><i>Best Care, Best Place</i> – Joint health overview and scrutiny committee with West Sussex County Council and Brighton and Hove City Council (March 2005)</p>	<p>March 2005: The Joint HOSC commented on NHS proposals to make substantial changes to health services in the Brighton and central Sussex area. (The joint committee comprised three members each from the HOSCs of East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton and Hove. The three East Sussex HOSC members are Councillor Philip Howson, Councillor David Rogers and Mr Ralph Chapman).</p> <p>August 2006: The Joint HOSC agreed to reconvene later in the year to consider progress with implementation.</p> <p>17 March and 23 June 2006: East Sussex HOSC expressed concerns about the short term and long term future of Newhaven Rehabilitation Centre.</p> <p>28 September 2006 – the reconvened joint HOSC is investigating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&E waiting times and on ambulance journey times, service modelling and protocols. • Staffing numbers and any recruitment gaps in children’s inpatient medical services at Royal Alexandra Children’s Hospital in Brighton. • The draft business case for the re-provision of the Hurstwood Park Neuroscience Unit at Princess Royal Hospital. The unit will not be 	

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		<p>progressed further until 'Fit for the Future' consultation has been issued. The delay is not having an impact on service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on transition to community and intermediate provision. • Addressing transport provision. Some progress noted but more needs to be made. • Audiology waiting times • future sustainability of two-site provision of maternity services and the effectiveness of Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust communications. <p>30 November 2006: HOSC noted progress</p> <p>11 February 2007 – Joint Committee met</p> <p>23 March 2007 HOSC – Progress noted. Many of the issues surrounding 'Best Care Best Place' have been subsumed into changes under 'Fit for the Future'</p>	<p>1 June 2007 – project closed</p>
23.	<p>PCT / SHA / Ambulance Trust reconfiguration (March 2006)</p>	<p>HOSC commented on proposals in March 2006 as part of the consultation on reconfiguration of health services in East Sussex.</p> <p>Announcement 16 May 2006: two primary care trusts (PCT's) in East Sussex: East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT and Hastings and Rother PCT from 1 October 2006.</p> <p>The three ambulance trusts covering Kent, Surrey and Sussex will be merged to form the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust from 1 July 2006.</p> <p>The South East Coast Strategic Health Authority (SHA) established on 1 July 2006 to replace the current SHAs for Surrey and Sussex and Kent and Medway. Now called South East Coast NHS.</p> <p>30 November 2006: HOSC asked for update on the impact of reconfiguration of ambulance services in the South East and the transport issues affecting the ambulance service arising from any proposals under 'Fit for the Future'.</p> <p>27 February 2007: HOSC visit to Ambulance Headquarters for briefing and discussion on ambulance strategy and business plans. Views of the ambulance service taken during the scrutiny process on Fit for the Future.</p>	<p>1 June 2007 – project closed</p>

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24.	Closure of All Saints Hospital, Eastbourne.	All Saints Hospital closed in April 2004. Monitoring centred on the sustainability and capacity of the services put in place. 22 September 2006 – East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust reported that All Saints Hospital site was sold by the Trust in 2005 for £5.75 million. The money was not earmarked for a particular purpose and provided a one-off in-year benefit. Revenue savings from the closure were £4 million, of which £3 million was invested in services provided by Hailsham 2 ward, Firwood House and in developing community services, with the remaining £1 million taken as a saving by the Trust.	Completed September 2006.
25.	Framework for substantial variation	Worked in partnership with local NHS trusts and established a local definition of substantial variation and produced a consultation guide.	Completed December 2004. (HOSC to review in 2008/09).
26.	Hospital discharge arrangements	Fact finding exercise on current actions being taken to improve hospital discharge arrangements completed.	Completed December 2004.
27.	Alcohol, tobacco and substance misuse review	Examining East Sussex Primary Care Trusts' "misuse" policies and effectiveness; scrutiny of a sample of agencies.	Completed September 2004.
28.	Patients' choice review	Examined GP appointment systems; access targets; out of hours services in East Sussex. First phase completed.	Completed March 2004
29.	Scrutiny of East Sussex NHS local delivery plan and financial recovery plan	Examination of the effectiveness of the local delivery plan in addressing the health needs of the people of East Sussex and the robustness of the financial recovery plan and ability to meet the financial resourcing of the delivery plan. Also, the review examined the ability of the financial plan to achieve recovery from the identified deficit. Initial report completed in March 2005.	June 2005 – project closed
30.	Sustainability in health service provision	A best value review of sustainable communities by East Sussex County Council requested that HOSC <i>investigate issues of sustainability, particularly around the provision of accident and emergency, GP and dental services, in the context of an ageing population in East Sussex, as part of its future programme.</i> The review identified issues around accessibility in terms of: transport links and rural isolation.	Issues of <i>sustainability</i> to be addressed specifically as part of all HOSC investigations.

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31.	<i>Designed for Health</i> – consultation on primary care centres by Hastings and St Leonards PCT.	<p>Consultation from 27 February until 22 May 2006 on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating primary care facilities in Hastings and St Leonards to offer a wider range of accessible services • Develop three purpose built centres • Create facilities for specialist staff, GPs, nurses and therapists. 	March – May 2006. Lead HOSC members are Cllrs John Wilson and Eve Martin with Rosemary Iddenden.
32.	South West Kent Health Community consultation	<p>Response to Priority 2 completed – Children and Women’s services. Trauma & Orthopaedics. Joint review with Kent HOSC.</p> <p>Consultation on Priority 3: changes to trauma and orthopaedic services commenced in October 2004. Joint review with Kent HOSC. (Cllrs Tony Slack and Diane Phillips represented ESCC HOSC on the joint HOSC) with Cllr Michael Bigg (Hastings Borough Council).</p> <p>Kent HOSC: Review of joint work on Women and Children’s Services and Trauma and Orthopaedics. Cllr Diane Phillips represented East Sussex HOSC.</p>	<p>Completed March 2005.</p> <p>June 2005: Report on final draft.</p> <p>20 July 2006: Kent HOSC.</p>

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