

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



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	Issue	Progress Summary	Action
<b>Scrutiny Reviews</b>			
1.	<b>Stroke Care Scrutiny Review</b>	<p>HOSC 16 June 2008 – Review Board nominated: Cllr David Rogers, Cllr Angharad Davies, Cllr Beryl Healy, Cllr Eve Martin. Inaugural Review Board meeting 5<sup>th</sup> 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: <b>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.</b></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> <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. <b>Key recommendations</b> (summarised):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions to improve public and staff awareness of stroke</li> <li>• Defined prevention and follow up pathways</li> <li>• Commissioning diagnostics to national standards well ahead of 10 year timescale</li> <li>• Improved access to rehabilitation, including 'slow-stream' rehabilitation</li> <li>• Consistent model of community rehabilitation and voluntary sector support across the county</li> <li>• Access to psychological support within rehabilitation</li> <li>• Access to a contact point for information</li> </ul>	<p>HOSC 6 July 2009 – response from NHS to recommendations</p>

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2.	<b>Nutrition and Feeding in Hospitals Scrutiny Review</b>	Review to be initiated following conclusion of the stroke care review. HOSC will explore opportunities to work with Local Involvement Network (LINK) on this review.	HOSC 6 July 2009 – election of Project Board
3.	<b>Mental Capacity Act – applying for Power of Attorney</b>	<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. 20 March – update report to HOSC. Timescale extended to July 2009.</p>	HOSC 6 July 2009 – final report
<b>Committee items</b>			
4.	<b>Vaccination - cervical cancer</b>	<p>Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination due to be introduced by NHS East Sussex Downs and Weald (ESDW) and NHS Hastings and Rother (H&amp;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&amp;R outline 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>	HOSC 20 November 2009 – update report, review of year 1
5.	<b>Developing maternity services in East Sussex</b> (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&amp;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&amp;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&amp;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</p>	

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		<p>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&amp;R presented Maternity Strategy for East Sussex, Network proposal for sustainable consultant-led services and engagement plan. HOSC indicated support for direction of travel in the Strategy and network approach. Definition of severe mental illness and data on neonatal resuscitation training requested.</p>	HOSC 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2009 – further monitoring report.
6.	<b>Fit for the Future in West Sussex and Brighton and Hove</b>	<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</p>	

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		<p>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 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>HOSC to be kept informed</p>
7.	<b>Choice and Booking</b>	<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&amp;R updated HOSC. East Sussex Downs and Weald at 32% and Hastings and Rother at 35%. SHA has set target of 75% by</p>	

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		<p>December 2008. If referral rates fail to improve, PCTs will consider referral management system.</p> <p>19 March 2009 – John Vesely, Head of Primary Care, NHS ESDW/H&amp;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>	HOSC 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2010 update
8.	<b>Primary Care Access / GP led health centres</b>	<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&amp;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&amp;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 in the town's railway station complex 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>	HOSC 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2010 update
9.	<b>Older people's mental health services</b>	<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</p>	<p><b>HOSC 24 September 2009 two issues:</b></p> <p>– update report on</p>

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		<p>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> <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>older people’s mental health services strategy</p> <p>- update report community and inpatient care for older people with organic mental health needs</p>
10.	<b>Day and vocational mental health services for adults</b>	<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 user representatives, Lesley Knight and Anne Arnold outlined their involvement in the review process. The new provider contracts start on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 16 September 2010 – review of year 1</p>
11.	<b>NHS Dentistry</b>	<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"> <li>PCTs and dentists are still embedding new contract changes</li> <li>PCTs consider there is a match between provision and need. Higher numbers of dentists are now accepting NHS patients. Contract disputes reduced and resolved.</li> </ul> <p>No major impact in localities of rejected contracts.</p>	

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		<p>Contract has no major long term impact on Emergency Dental Services.  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>HOSC 20 November 2009 update report</p>
12.	<b>Long term conditions strategy</b>	<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</p>	

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		<p>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> <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>HOSC September 2009 – update report on strategy development</p>
13.	<p><b>Foundation Trust Status – East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust</b></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 to HOSC from Chairman of Trust – deferring application.</p> <p>17 March 2009 – HOSC Chairman met with Kim Hodgson, Chief Executive and representatives, East Sussex Hospitals. Application now due to be submitted to SHA July 2009 with authorisation anticipated early 2010.</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>HOSC awaiting announcement from the Trust</p>

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14.	<b>Annual Health Check (Review of Healthcare Commission draft declarations for each local NHS trust)</b>	<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 &amp; 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: <a href="http://www.healthcarecommission.org.uk">www.healthcarecommission.org.uk</a></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 Quality Commission from 1 April 2009. 2009/10 process to be confirmed.</p>	HOSC awaiting details of 2009/10 process from Care Quality Commission
15.	<b>Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals (BSUH) NHS Trust 3Ts</b>	<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. Agreed to have a joint BSUH and NHS ESDW/H&amp;R presentation in July 2009.</p>	HOSC 6 July 2009 - presentation
16.	<b>South East Coast Ambulance Trust (SECAMB) estates strategy</b>	<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. Agreed to consider this at HOSC in 2009. Visit to make ready depot to be arranged.</p>	Presentation to HOSC 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2009. Visit to be offered.

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17.	<b>Infection control</b>	<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>HOSC 6 July 2009 – report and discussion with ESHT and NHS ESDW/H&amp;R reps.</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.	<b>Primary Angioplasty (treatment for heart attacks)</b>	Outcomes of the Sussex-wide options appraisal work being undertaken from March – November 2009. Briefing paper circulated to HOSC April 2009.	Likely item for November 2009

## Potential 'proactive' topics being considered

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

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1.	<b>Practice based commissioning / rural health</b>	Particularly its role in developing access to healthcare in rural areas.	For discussion at next HOSC work planning session.
2.	<b>End of life care</b>	Future agenda item to review local implementation of national strategies.	Schedule for 2009/10
3.	<b>Immunisation and infectious diseases</b>	Possible future agenda item or briefing on take up of immunisations and reporting of infectious diseases. Link to HPV item.	Schedule as and when appropriate
4.	<b>Prison health Care</b>	PCTs recently taken over responsibility for prison healthcare. Lewes prison recently expanded capacity. Link to mental health services.	Future agenda item or briefing
5.	<b>Continuing healthcare</b>	Implementation of new national criteria for access to NHS Continuing Healthcare	Watching brief only
6.	<b>Epilepsy</b>	Suggested by Cllr Davies. Yet to be considered for the work programme.	To be considered at a future work planning session.

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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

SECAMB – South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust

SHA – Strategic Health Authority

SPT – Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

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