

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



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	Item	Issue	Completed
1.	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>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 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>	

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		<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>
2.	<b>Audiology</b>	<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>
3.	<b>Delayed transfers of care (DTCs)</b>	<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</p>	

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		<p>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 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>Improvement has been sustained. HOSC work completed but will return to issue if situation deteriorates in future.</p>
4.	<p><b>Shaping the future of mental health, learning disability and substance misuse services in Sussex</b></p>	<p>The Sussex Partnership NHS was formed on 1 April 2006 covering East Sussex, Brighton &amp; 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</p>	

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		<p>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 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>September 2008 – HOSC moved on to scrutiny of specific service areas – see older peoples mental health and day and vocational services item on current work programme</p>
5.	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>June 2008 - HOSC to receive copies of reports on young carers issues for information/monitoring purposes</p>
6.	Local Involvement Networks (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>
7.	<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 1<sup>st</sup> August 2008 that Trust has gained Foundation Trust and teaching status.</p> <p><b>Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust</b></p>
8.	<p>East Sussex PCTs information requests</p>	<p>14 January 2008 – <b>mobile community glaucoma</b> 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 – <b>Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)</b> – 10 April 2008 additional information received from Nick Yeo</p> <p>17 April 2008 – <b>Age related macular degeneration treatment</b> – 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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9.	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
10.	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
11.	<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 &amp; 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>
12.	<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"> <li>• A&amp;E waiting times and on ambulance journey times, service modelling and protocols.</li> <li>• Staffing numbers and any recruitment gaps in children’s inpatient medical services at Royal Alexandra Children’s Hospital in Brighton.</li> <li>• The draft business case for the re-provision of the Hurstwood Park Neuroscience Unit at Princess Royal Hospital. The unit will not be</li> </ul>	

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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"> <li>• Update on transition to community and intermediate provision.</li> <li>• Addressing transport provision. Some progress noted but more needs to be made.</li> <li>• Audiology waiting times</li> <li>• future sustainability of two-site provision of maternity services and the effectiveness of Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust communications.</li> </ul> <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>
13.	<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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14.	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.
15.	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).
16.	Hospital discharge arrangements	Fact finding exercise on current actions being taken to improve hospital discharge arrangements completed.	Completed December 2004.
17.	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.
18.	Patients' choice review	Examined GP appointment systems; access targets; out of hours services in East Sussex. First phase completed.	Completed March 2004
19.	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
20.	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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21.	<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"> <li>• Creating primary care facilities in Hastings and St Leonards to offer a wider range of accessible services</li> <li>• Develop three purpose built centres</li> <li>• Create facilities for specialist staff, GPs, nurses and therapists.</li> </ul>	March – May 2006. Lead HOSC members are Cllrs John Wilson and Eve Martin with Rosemary Iddenden.
22.	South West Kent Health Community consultation	<p>Response to Priority 2 completed – Children and Women’s services. Trauma &amp; 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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