

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>A&amp;E and Capacity Pressures at the Royal Sussex County Hospital - Update</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>11 June 2013</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Monitoring Officer</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

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**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 The April 2013 HWOSC heard a report and update from Brighton & Sussex University Hospital (BSUH) NHS Trust on the various workstreams that had been organised to address the problems causing capacity pressures in A&E at Royal Sussex County Hospital.
- 1.2 HWOSC members asked for an update to come to the June committee meeting so that they could assess progress against the workstreams.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That HWOSC members note progress on the different workstreams and
- 2.2 That HWOSC members ask for further progress updates as necessary.

**3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:**

- 3.1 Following severe and prolonged pressures on A&E services and breaches of the four hour waiting time target, BSUH invited the Department of Health's Emergency Care Intensive Support Team to assess services and produce a report. After the report was received, the Hospital Board compiled and committed to an action plan that addressed all of the issues that had been raised.
- 3.2 The work programme is due to last for six months, with a period of eight weeks gaining immediate improvements and then a further 18 weeks embedding the changes.
- 3.3 There are two appendices to this cover report, the first from BSUH with an update on the work programme (**Appendix 1**) and the second from the Clinical Commissioning Group, which updates on work to support improvements in the urgent care system (**Appendix 2**). The two appendices are designed to complement one another.

#### **4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION**

4.1 None to this cover report.

#### **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

5.1 None to this cover report

##### Legal Implications:

5.2 None to this cover report.

##### Equalities Implications:

5.3 None to this cover report.

##### Sustainability Implications:

5.4 None to this cover report.

##### Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 None to this cover report.

##### Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None to this cover report.

##### Public Health Implications:

5.7 The emergency service is a key public health service for the city.

##### Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.8 None to this cover report.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

#### **Appendices:**

1. BSUH update May 2013
2. CCG Update May 2013.