

Subject:	A&E Service Improvements at the Royal Sussex County Hospital – Six Month Update		
Date of Meeting:	10 September 2013		
Report of:	Monitoring Officer		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

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1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The April and June 2013 HWOSCs heard reports and updates 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 a six month update to come to the September 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. It has been in place since April 2013, and is now approaching the six month point.
- 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 for information.

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 department and the hospital as a whole is a key public health service for the city and it is vital that it is running as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

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6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

6.1 None to this update report.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 To keep HWOSC members aware of the situation with regard to the Emergency Department at Royal Sussex County Hospital and allow them to query the arrangements as necessary.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. BSUH September update
2. CCG September update

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. None

