

Suggested topics for the 2009-2010 HOSC Work Programme

1 Annual Health Check (2008-2009) Report Back

Suggested Format: report (by HOSC support officers) detailing performance of local NHS trusts, cross-referenced against 07-08 performance and 08-09 average performances across the NHS

Reason: To enable HOSC to keep abreast of general local NHS performance and to identify any particular areas of concern re: the performance of local trusts

Possible Date: 02 December

Referred: HOSC officers

2 Care Quality Commission (CQC) 2009-2010 assessment of NHS trusts – opportunity for 3rd party comments

Suggested Format: report (by HOSC support officers) offering members the opportunity to make comments on local NHS trusts for submission to CQC (or to delegate this responsibility to officers)

Reason: opportunity for HOSC to influence CQC (but may not be worthwhile to make very detailed comments unless there is something of particular concern to members)

Possible Date: TBC

Referred: HOSC officers

3 Patient Experience/Quality/Outcomes

Suggested Format: presentation/report by PCT/BSUH officers
Presentation to include information on: CQUIN, PROMs, real time reporting of patient experience.

Reason: A major facet of current NHS thinking is directed at better capturing patient experience of NHS healthcare and at assessing and recording the outcomes of healthcare interventions – looking at what good a treatment has done rather than just measuring the numbers of treatments undertaken. (At times there may be an objective measure of the success of a procedure – i.e. no further acute admittances etc – but often, outcomes can only be measured by gauging patient opinion – i.e. do you believe that undergoing a procedure improved your health?)

– hence the need to take patient experience and outcome reporting together.)

Possible Date: TBC

Referred: BSUH

4 3T Progress Report

Suggested Format: presentation by officers of BSUH

Reason: This is an ongoing piece of work, and a very important one in terms of the local health economy (and the city economy)

Date: 27 January 2010

Referred: BSUH

5 BSUH Foundation Trust application

Suggested Format: presentation by officers of BSUH

Reason: This is an ongoing piece of work, and HOSC should be kept informed of the progress of this application (as with SPFT's FT application)

Possible Date: TBC

Referred: BSUH

6 Immunisation/Vaccination

Suggested Format: report by PCT/Director of Public Health and/or possible ad hoc panel

Reason: city vaccination rates (esp. for MMR) are, in some instances, well below national averages (and well below the threshold needed to grant 'herd immunity' to the general population). There might be value in HOSC looking at this issue re: why the city may not be performing well (if low rates of immunisation are indeed a cause for concern), what steps might be taken to improve performance etc

Possible Date: 27 January 2010

Referred: Cllr Jason Kitcat

7 Dental Services

Suggested Format: report from PCT

Reason: HOSC looked at city dental services in March 2009 and resolved to receive an update in 6 months time

Date: 02 December 2009

Referred: from earlier HOSC meeting

8 Swine Flu

Suggested Format: Ad Hoc Panel/Select Committee.

Reason: To gauge performance of city emergency planning re: flu pandemic and suggest ways in which planning for future eventualities might be improved/ensure that recent good practice is repeated in future emergencies

Possible Date: after pandemic threat has peaked (early 2010?)

Referred: HOSC officers

9 Breast Cancer Screening

Suggested Format: Report/presentation from PCT/BSUH

Reason: HOSC requested a 6 monthly update when it last reviewed this issue (July 09)

Possible Date: 27 January 2010

Referred: from earlier HOSC meeting

10 South Downs Health Trust integration with West (and East) Sussex Community Services

Suggested Format: Report/presentation from SDH

Reason: ongoing monitoring role for HOSC re: significant changes to community healthcare provision across Sussex. Particular need to focus on any potential impact upon city residents and upon BHCC S75 arrangements with SDH

Possible Date: TBC

Referred: from earlier HOSC meeting; suggested by Cllr Mo Marsh

11 Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust development of B&H services

Suggested Format: presentation from SPFT (Richard Ford)

Reason: regular item at HOSC meetings; particular interest re: SPFT plans for city acute dementia beds, and more generally the need to ensure that SPFT services continue to meet the needs of city residents

Possible Date: December 2009

Referred: SPFT; Cllr Kevin Allen

12 Revision of the City Working Age Mental Health Commissioning Strategy

Suggested Format: Report from the commissioners of WAMH services (PCT and BHCC)

Reason: ongoing: HOSC received an initial report on the WAMH revision in July 09, and is due to receive an additional report when the revised strategy has been completed

Possible Date: TBC (Jan/March 2010?)

Referred: city commissioners

13 LINK Update

Suggested Format: Report/presentation from LINK host officers/LINK members

Reason: regular item giving members update on progress of the B&H LINK

Possible Date: Jan 2010?

Referred: regular HOSC item

14 Sussex Orthopaedic Treatment Centre Update

Suggested Format: Report/presentation from PCT/Care UK detailing performance of SOTC (re: areas of concern identified by HOSC in Nov 08)

Reason: Chance for HOSC to determine whether there are still issues re: performance at SOTC (still some areas of concern after last examination of SOTC)

Possible Date: May 2010

Referred: by HOSC members (following earlier scrutiny of this issue)

15 Public Health

Suggested Format: Presentation by Director of Public Health re: his annual report. Possible work (e.g. ad hoc panel) arising from this?

Reason: Opportunity for HOSC to engage with public health agenda (key part of committee remit)

Possible Date: TBC

Referred: Director of Public Health

16 PCT Annual Operating Plan (Strategic Commissioning Plan)

Suggested Format: Report from PCT

Reason: Opportunity for HOSC to examine annual city commissioning plans for coming year

Possible Date: December 2009

Referred: anticipated referral from PCT

17 Ad Hoc Panel Report on the B&H GP-Led Health Centre: 12 Month Update

Suggested Format: Report from PCT/HOSC officers

Reason: Opportunity to assess performance of GP-Led Health Centre in its first year of operation

Possible Date: May 2010 (or first meeting of 10/11 cycle)

Referred: Recommendation from the ad hoc panel report on the GP-Led Health Centre, agreed by HOSC (8 July 2009)

18 Improving the Commercial Competitiveness of Local Healthcare Providers

Suggested Format: Report/presentation by PCT

Reason: The NHS marketplace is increasingly competitive in terms of healthcare contracts going out to commercial tender. If established local healthcare providers (across all sectors: i.e. NHS trusts, 3rd sector, independents) cannot compete effectively with national/international competition, their role in the LHE will dwindle. There is therefore a potential role for the PCT to appropriately support these providers so as to ensure a continuing local presence in the LHE

Possible Date: March 2010

Referred: Recommendation of the ad hoc scrutiny panel on the GP-Led Health Centre (endorsed by HOSC July 08 2009)

19 Alcohol Related Hospital Admissions

Suggested Format: report from PCT/Director of Public Health.
Possible further work (i.e. ad hoc panel)

Reason: The Overview & Scrutiny Commission (OSC) recently decided that O&S committees should include relevant red LAA indicators in their work programmes for in-depth investigation. The red indicator which falls within the remit of HOSC is ***NI 39: rate of alcohol related admissions to hospitals***

Possible Date: March 2010

Referred: from OSC

20 Fit For the Future

Suggested Format: report from HOSC officers

Reason: The Joint HOSC on the 'Fit For the Future' plans to reconfigure acute healthcare in West Sussex is due to reconvene in Autumn 2009, when implementation of Fit For the Future resumes (it was suspended pending the merger of Royal West Sussex and Worthing and Southlands hospital trusts). The HOSC will need updating about the end result of this process (should this occur in 2009-10), and may need to take a view on whether it should monitor aspects of the reconfiguration once the JHOSC has been disbanded (e.g. impacts upon B&H residents of changes made at Worthing or Hayward's Heath hospitals).

Possible Date: TBC

Referred: ongoing HOSC/JHOSC work

21 Community/Acute Mental Health Services

Suggested Format: report from PCT/SPFT/ASC. Possible further work (in committee or via ad hoc panel)

Reason: Look at whether current policy of maintaining people with MH conditions in the community has an impact upon other services (e.g. police, housing, ASC) which has not been formally agreed/approved by local partnerships

Possible Date: TBC

Referred: Cllr Anne Meadows

22 Older People's Care/EMI Nursing Care

Suggested Format: Report from PCT/ASC

Reason: Look at provision of healthcare for older people, particularly in terms of nursing care for older people with mental health problems.

Possible Date: TBC

Referred: Cllr Dawn Barnett

23 Discharge From Hospital

Suggested Format: Report from BSUH

Reason: Examine the criteria for discharging patients from acute (hospital) care and the arrangements for following up post-discharge. Also look at potential delays in discharge from acute to community care.

Possible Date: TBC

Referred: Cllr Juliet McCaffery

24 Health Visitors and Midwives

Suggested Format: Report from PCT (and/or providers)

Reason: Examine issues including the staffing levels of health visitors and midwives and arrangements for sharing information across ante and post natal care.

Possible Date: TBC

Referred: Cllr Juliet McCaffery

25 Breastfeeding

Suggested Format: Report from PCT (and/or providers)

Reason: To establish what city support there is for breastfeeding, and how services might be improved, particularly in terms of ensuring that good quality services are available across the city (re: statistics which show considerable variation in breast feeding take up across Brighton & Hove).

Possible Date: TBC

Referred: Cllr Juliet McCaffery

26 Care of the Elderly in Hospital

Suggested Format: Report from BSUH

Reason: Examine provision of elderly acute care in the city, especially given the historic problems with these services (i.e. unsuitable environments at RSCH and BGH; 'temporary' re-provision of city services in Newhaven etc.)

Possible Date: TBC

Referred: Cllr Juliet McCaffery

27 Emergency Planning at BSUH

Suggested Format: Report from BSUH

Reason: Examine BSUH planning for city emergencies: i.e. how the RSCH plans to cope with major incidents, including incidents which directly impact upon the hospital site.

Possible Date: TBC

Referred: Cllr Juliet McCaffery

28 Swine Flu: Hospital Planning

Suggested Format: Report from BSUH

Reason: Examine BSUH planning in context of a worsening swine flu pandemic: i.e. how will the hospital cope with a large number of infected patients? How does it plan to limit infection spreading across hospital site? How does it plan to ensure sufficient staff levels if pandemic returns in a more virulent form in the winter?

Possible Date: TBC

Referred: Cllr Juliet McCaffery

29 Relocation of RSCH Acute Services into Community Settings

Suggested Format: Report from PCT/BSUH

Reason: The 3T rebuild of the RSCH site includes plans to relocate some services (e.g. aspects of outpatient provision) to community settings. It is important that the committee is privy to the details of these plans, as community approval for the development of the RSCH may depend upon assurances that general hospital services for local people remain accessible when they are re-provided in community settings. Transport is likely to be a key issue here.

Possible Date: TBC

Referred: Cllrs Craig Turton, Gill Mitchell

30 South East Coast Ambulance Trust – Ambulance Provision for Amateur Sports

Suggested Format: Report from SECamb

Reason: Concern that it is apparently SECamb policy to require amateur footballers with suspected fractures to be transported to hospital in their private transport rather than by ambulance

Possible Date: TBC

Referred: Cllr Bob Carden

31 Car Park Charges at NHS Trusts

Suggested Format: Report from BSUH

Reason: There is a concern that charges for hospital car parks (particularly at RSCH) may have a serious negative impact upon people who are required to attend hospital regularly and/or people with limited means.

Possible Date: March 2010

Referred: Cllr Garry Peltzer Dunn