

Subject:	Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals Trust (BSUHT): Emergency Planning		
Date of Meeting:	July 14 2010		
Report of:	The Director of Strategy and Governance		
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Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report presents information on work undertaken by Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals Trust (BSUHT) in regard to planning for emergency situations.
- 1.2 Additional information on this issue supplied by BSUHT is included as **Appendices 1 and 2** to this report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members:
 - (1) Note the contents of this report and its appendices.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 BSUHT operates general acute hospital services at sites in Brighton and Hayward's Heath for residents of Brighton & Hove and Mid Sussex. The trust also provides a range of tertiary services for people across Sussex and beyond.

- 3.2 BSUHT is engaged in a range of planning for emergency situations. This includes undertaking its own dedicated emergency planning as well as working with city partners to plan for major incidents. Planning includes scenarios such as major traffic accidents, natural disasters and pandemics. As well as modelling how the trust would cope with these kinds of event, BSUHT is also engaged in modelling how it would cope with major incidents affecting its own estates – e.g. a fire or infectious disease which impacted upon capacity at the County Hospital site etc.
- 3.3 Until recently, NHS provider trusts were required to report on their emergency planning to the Care Quality Commission as part of their annual assessment on a range of core standards. Essentially, this requirement still exists, although the range of standards has recently changed, with the emergency planning competency becoming part of a larger core standard based around organisational resilience. **Appendix 1** to this report contains information from BSUHT on its current emergency planning core standard self-assessment. **Appendix 2** contains a letter from the Head of Emergency Planning at NHS West Sussex (the lead PCT for Sussex-wide NHS emergency planning), commenting on BSUHT’s self-assessment of its performance against this standard.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken in regard to this report.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 None to this report for information.

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 None to this report for information.

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 None to this report.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None to this report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None to this report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None to this report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 None to this report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Information on BSUHT's emergency planning core standards self-assessment
2. Letter to BSUHT from NHS West Sussex re: the trust's emergency planning competency

Documents in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Documents:

None

