

# **Report to Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**Date of meeting: 28 February 2017**



**Subject:** Scrutiny of External Organisations – Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust

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## **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

- (1) That the Committee note that appropriate external scrutiny of the Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust, in response to the concerns of the Care Quality Commission in respect of aspects of inpatient, outpatient and other medical and emergency services Princess Alexandra Hospital, will now be undertaken at the meeting to be held on 6 June 2017; and**
  - (2) That the Committee receive a report from Councillor R. Gadsby (in the capacity of a member of Essex County Council), of the recent scrutiny of the improvement plans of Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust, by the Essex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**
1. (Director of Governance) As the Committee will be aware, the Chairman and Chief Executive of Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust were not able to attend its meeting on 30 January 2017, as a result of operational pressures. The Trust has confirmed that its Chairman and Chief Executive will now both attend the Committee in the next municipal year and this has provisionally been arranged for the meeting to be held on 6 June 2017.
  2. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) of Essex County Council undertook its own scrutiny of the improvement plans of Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust, at its meeting on 8 February 2017. Although the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed at its last meeting that Councillor G. Mohindra represent the Council at this meeting of the HOSC, the Chairman of the HOSC subsequently determined that, as Councillor R. Gadsby is an Essex County Council appointee to the HOSC, she should represent the views of the Epping Forest District at the meeting.
  3. Councillor Gadsby has therefore been requested to provide a full report of the HOSC's scrutiny of the improvement plans of Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust, to this meeting.

## **Resource Implications:**

The recommendations of this report seek to enable scrutiny activity to more effectively meet work programme requirements.

## **Legal and Governance Implications:**

The Council's constitution sets out rules for the management of its overview and scrutiny

responsibilities. Although external organisations are not generally required by legislation to attend before the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, it is hoped that most would be willing to engage constructively with the Council's scrutiny activity when invited to do so.

**Safer, Cleaner, Greener Implications:**

There are no implications arising from the recommendations of this report in respect of the Council's commitment to the Climate Local Agreement, the corporate Safer, Cleaner, Greener initiative, or any crime and disorder issues within the district.

**Consultation Undertaken:**

The scrutiny of a number of overarching themes and specific issues of of inpatient, outpatient and other medical and emergency services Princess Alexandra Hospital were identified by the Committee at its meeting on 19 December 2016.

**Background Papers:**

None

**Impact Assessments:**

***Risk Management***

The Council's constitution sets out rules for the management of its overview and scrutiny responsibilities.

***Equality:***

There are no equality implications arising from the recommendations of this report.