

Subject:	NHS Brighton & Hove Annual Operating Plan 2011-12: report Back from the HOSC Working Group		
Date of Meeting:	08 December 2010		
Report of:	The Strategic Director, Resources		
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Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 NHS Brighton & Hove presented its 2011-12 Annual Operating Plan (AOP) to HOSC at the 14 April 2010 committee meeting.
- 1.2 HOSC members decided to form a working group to look in detail at the AOP. Cllrs Allen, Harmer-Strange and Rufus agreed to sit on the working group.
- 1.3 The working group met with senior officers from NHS Brighton & Hove on 22 October 2010 (including Geraldine Hoban, Interim Director of Programmes, and Michael Schofield, Director of Finance). At this meeting, the AOP was examined in some detail.
- 1.4 Working group members identified a series of elements in the AOP as meriting further scrutiny attention. These topics have been provisionally added to the HOSC work programme (subject to the committee's approval): see **Appendix 1** to this report.
- 1.5 Some elements of the AOP concern children's healthcare services, and, where the working group wished for further information on these areas, it is suggested that the HOSC makes a referral to the Children & Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee (CYPOSC), as dedicated healthcare services for children lie within the remit of CYPOSC rather than HOSC.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That members:

- (1) Note the information contained in this report;
- (2) Endorse the revised HOSC work programme (**Appendix 1** to this report);
- (3) Agree to refer the areas of children's healthcare identified as significant by working group members (see **point 3.2.4** below) to the Children & Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 Primary Care Trusts are required to publish medium term Strategic Commissioning Plans setting out their high level commissioning priorities across a five year period. These Commissioning Plans are supported and augmented by Annual Operating Plans (AOP) which set out strategic priorities for individual years.

3.2 The HOSC working group identified several areas of the 2011-12 AOP as worthy of further examination. These include:

3.2.1 **Primary (GP) Care** – members were particularly interested in:

- a) variation in GP practice performance across the city;
- b) how GPs are supported in diagnosing/treating rare or complex conditions (e.g. peer support via other GPs with specialisms etc).

3.2.2 **Dental Care** – members were interested in:

- a) general performance against the dental contract;
- b) services for children with special needs (and their siblings)
- c) potential for encouraging more dental services in less affluent areas.

3.2.3 **Mental Health** – members were interested in:

- a) access to/waiting times for psychological therapies (and whether moves to 'Any Willing Provider' might help address this);
- b) access to services for patients at risk of suicide;
- c) dementia planning (and the ongoing revision of the local dementia care pathway).

- 3.2.4 **Children's Health** – members were particularly interested in:
- a) nursing provision in schools, especially in terms of supporting children with disabilities;
 - b) health provision for Looked After Children (and how we compare to other local authorities);
 - c) the re-commissioning of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

In terms of the council's constitution, scrutiny of these issues should be undertaken under the aegis of the Children & Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee (CYPOSC) rather than the HOSC (**constitution: Part 6.1, paragraph 2.5.1**).

4. **CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 None has been undertaken in compiling this report, although the working group reached its conclusions after detailed discussions with officers of NHS Brighton & Hove.

5. **FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 None to this report for information.

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report
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Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 None to this report. The NHSBH AOP address these issues in depth.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None to this report. The NHSBH AOP address these issues in depth.

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. Revised HOSC work programme

Documents in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Documents:

1. NHS Brighton & Hove Annual Operating Plan 2011-12