

**Subject:** **The Sussex Rehabilitation Centre at Shoreham (SRCS): Update**

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**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 The Sussex Rehabilitation Centre (SRCS) provides rehabilitation for conditions including strokes and Acquired Brain Injuries. The centre is currently based at Southlands Hospital in Shoreham and is used by patients from across Sussex.
- 1.2 Worthing and Southlands Hospital Trust (WASH), which owns the Southlands site, is planning to reconfigure some services at Southlands, and local NHS Trusts have accordingly agreed to relocate some services currently based at the hospital, including elements of the SRCS.
- 1.3 For Brighton & Hove patients, this will mean the current rehabilitation services being temporarily re-provided at the Princess Royal Hospital (PRH), Hayward's Heath. This will enable SRCS services to be co-located with the Hurstwood Park neuro-sciences unit.
- 1.4 In the longer term, Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals Trust (BSUHT) plans to re-locate its neuro-sciences department from Hurstwood Park to the Royal Sussex County Hospital (RSCH) site in Brighton in order to create a regional trauma care centre. This move will necessitate the permanent relocation of SRCS services for Brighton & Hove residents. The permanent home for these services has not yet been determined.
- 1.5 This is not a new initiative; the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) has already agreed plans to relocate these services. Rather, this is

an update on progress towards achieving the agreed goal of temporarily relocating SRCS services for Brighton & Hove residents at PRH.

- 1.6 **Appendix 1** contains further information on this subject supplied by Brighton & Hove City Teaching Primary Care Trust (PCT).

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That members note the progress of this initiative.

## **3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 See **Appendix 1**.

## **4. CONSULTATION**

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

## **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

### Financial Implications:

- 5.1 This is an NHS initiative and there are no direct financial implications for the council.

### Legal Implications:

- 5.2 There are none.

*Lawyer Consulted: Elizabeth Culbert; Date: 20.10.08*

### Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 The SRCS provides services for people with very serious conditions, where effective rehabilitation may hasten people's re-integration into society.

### Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 The temporary move of SRCS services from Shoreham to Hayward's Heath may increase travel times for relatives of Brighton & Hove based patients.

### Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 There are none.

### Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None have been identified.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 There are none. This is an important service, but the current plans do not seek to alter materially the services provided. The eventual relocation of neuro-sciences at RSCH will mean that Brighton & Hove residents suffering major trauma will be able to access local services rather than being treated in London hospitals (although the numbers involved are likely to be very small).

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices:**

1. Additional information provided by Brighton & Hove PCT.

**Documents in Members' Rooms:**

None.

**Background Documents:**

1. None.

