

**ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Report to Overview Select Committee – 27 January 2015

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| Name of Meeting: | West Sussex County Council's Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) |
| Date of Meeting: | 5 December 2014 |
| Report by: | Councillor Dr Walsh |
| Relevant Cabinet Member: | Councillor Paul Wotherspoon |
| Feedback: | |
| <p>The first item was an update on the Musculo-Skeletal Services (MSK) review. It was reported that an independent Impact Assessment (IA) of the implications of the proposed new contract was being carried out by PWC, jointly funded and managed by the CCG and Western Sussex Hospitals Foundation Trust (WSHFT). Both the CCG and WSHFT were committed to accepting the findings and mitigating any problems highlighted. A summary of the IA would be made public. In the discussion it was made plain that MSK services would remain entirely NHS, free, and with increased local access. BUPA?CSH had agreed to re-invest a fixed sum of profits into local communities, details to follow. Healthwatch West Sussex had received more feedback on MSK services, concerning disjointed services, with multiple appointments and access issues. The case for change was driven by patient experience. It was hoped to have the full report and outcomes for the next HASC on 21 January 2015.</p> <p>The second main item concerned Stroke Services. A report concluded that there had been improvements in the previous quarter. There were currently 6 sites across Sussex, and it was likely that to improve patient outcomes these would be reduced to "super-centres", with 24/7 cover. WSHFT was now above the national average (having been below). All proposals would be the subject of full public consultation. Areas of review included prevention; travel; times; outcomes; therapies; discharge; onward referral; rehab services; and patient/carer support.</p> <p>The HASC agreed to review the Case for Change when it was published in early 2015.</p> <p>Other matters included the temporary, sudden, cessation of admissions to the acute wards at Langley Green (Mental Health) Hospital, following a CQC inspection, and while an independent review was carried out for the CCGs. The principal matters concerned patient documentation and staffing. The Trust had changed from a three shift to a two shift system, which had not worked, and was reverting back. Following the review, the closure was lifted on 9 December 2014.</p> <p>I expressed concern that Coastal CCG had not turned up at a recent meeting of the North Littlehampton Steering Group, and that HASC asked for an urgent update on Health Facilities, including Hospital/Health Centre re-provision.</p> | |

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| Potential Implications for Arun District Council or Actions Required: |
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| 1. The main points that the Committee needs to be aware of are highlighted above. |
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| Should this be raised at Cabinet by the relevant Cabinet Member or at the Overview Select Committee? |
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| Yes – Overview Select Committee |
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