

# SOUTH EAST LONDON JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2024

## SEL JHOSC WORK PROGRAMME

This report asks the members of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) to discuss & agree agenda items for the committee's work programme.

**Committee is invited to make decisions about its work programme:**

### **Work Programme**

1. Note the table of possible future work programme items in this report.
2. Identify and recommend any additional items to be added to the work programme.
3. Ensure that the topics that are selected for discussion are appropriate for South East London level scrutiny, can add value, and do not duplicate scrutiny activity happening within individual participating authorities.
4. Note opportunities for scrutiny between formal meetings.
5. Note the summary of the Informal meeting the SEL JHOSC had with NHS England on 21 November 2023 at Appendix A and the associated slides at Appendix B.

## **1. WORK PROGRAMME**

### 1.1. Background/Context

After the significant formal changes brought about by the Health and Care Act 2022 and the placement of Integrated Care Systems on a statutory footing, there have been changes to the role of the JHOSC. Therefore, the work programme of the Committee needs to allow for greater scrutiny of the wider, system level issues that relate to the planning, provision and operations of health services across the ICS footprint area.

### 1.2. Role of the JHOSC and Work Programming

The Committee has a key role in having oversight of, and scrutinising, the health of the overall system including how the ICB and ICP work together, and in reviewing how system-wide plans and strategies will be operationalised and whether outcomes are being delivered at system level.

The Work Programme will cover formal and informal meetings and can also include information updates that can be circulated by email.

It has been agreed that the committee will have two formal meetings a year to undertake deep dives into strategic issues that impact all of South-East London. Alongside these two formal meetings, the JHOSC can also have informal meetings that will provide an opportunity to receive updates, discuss the work programme and discuss local health matters more informally.

The Committee should assess what is the most effective way for receiving information on / considering issues of interest. This could be scrutinising the issue at a formal meeting, discussing it in an informal meeting or receiving a written update that is circulated to Members by email.

### 1.3. Identifying/Recommending items for the Committee's Work Programme

This report asks the members of the Committee to discuss the priorities of the JHOSC, consider the key services and programmes within the committee's remit, and recommend items for the Committee's work programme.

Members of the JHOSC will need to ensure that the topics selected for discussion are appropriate for South East London level scrutiny. In other words, those matters where the joint Committee is the best way of considering how the needs of a local population, which crosses council boundaries, are being met.

For each item on the work programme, the Committee should clearly define the information and analysis it wishes to see in the officer reports.

The Committee should also consider whether to invite any expert witnesses to provide evidence, and whether site visits or engagement would assist the effective scrutiny of the item.

## 2. TABLE OF PROPOSED ITEMS TO DATE

The Members of the Committee had an informal meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2023 which included a discussion on the Committee's work programme. The following suggestions were discussed:

- Workforce- Challenges with recruitment and retention of staff.
- Prevention and early intervention in Mental Health
- Budget discussions and winter arrangements
- Acute care and GP appointments
- Hospital Capacity Planning (particular concerns around Queen Elizabeth Hospital)
- A&E pressures
- The Discharge process and tackling the elective backlog
- Approach to resolving medication shortages
- Access to dentistry appointments and in particular NHS appointments

The following suggestions for the work programme were received from South-East London Integrated Care Board (SEL ICB) officers:

- Integrated Care Board 'Joint Forward Plan'
- Elective recovery
- Focussed discussion on workforce

Following this the Chair and Vice-chair of the Committee have discussed these suggestions and have prioritised and ordered these suggestions into a table breaking them down by items proposed for both Formal meeting and informal sessions and/or briefing papers. This Table is below:

Formal meetings	Informal meetings
Feedback from NHS England's public consultation on changes to paediatric oncology services (substantial variation)	Budget discussions
Workforce- Challenges with recruitment and retention of staff.	Approach to resolving medication shortages
Prevention and early intervention in Mental Health	Winter arrangements- Uptake and roll-out of vaccination programmes
Hospital Capacity Planning	Acute care and GP appointments (managing the <u>8am</u> rush at GPs.
A&E pressures including increasing number of mentally ill patients coming into A&E-	1 year follow-up on ICB structures- discuss if any differences were noticed by residents in the services after the structure change
The Discharge process and tackling the elective backlog	
Access to dentistry appointments and in particular NHS appointments	
Elective recovery	

### 3. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION AT INFORMAL MEETING ON 21 NOVEMBER 2023

Members of the South East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee joined a Ms Teams Call with colleagues from NHS England during a delivery of the public consultation concerning the reconfiguration of Childrens Cancer Treatment Services.

The Committee had met formally in July 2023 to be informed about and to discuss the proposal prior to the commencement of public consultation. The informal meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November was an opportunity to brief Members of the JHOSC about progress and feedback from the public consultation to date at the mid-point of the consultation and to seek feedback from JHOSC Members as to how NHS England could best target the remainder of their consultation and ensure they reach as many people as possible.

The meeting was attended by Members from Bexley, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark.

A note summarising the discussion at this session is attached at **Appendix A**.

Slides that were shared with JHOSC Members in advance of the informal discussion/briefing are attached at **Appendix B**.

### 4. SUMMARY OF LEGAL, FINANCIAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal, financial or other implications arising from this report. Any such implications arising from the Committee's work will be reported.

When adding items to OSC work programmes, the Committee will need to consider the Member and Officer resources available to support any planned work.

**Local Government Act 1972 – section 100d**  
**List of background documents**

SEL JHOSC Minutes – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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