

**BRIEFING NOTE for Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee –  
7 September 2017  
Joint Committee across STP Footprint – Implications for Scrutiny Committee**

**Introduction and Background**

There are five CCGs within Essex who form the Mid and South Essex STP, namely: NHS Basildon and Brentwood CCG, NHS Thurrock CCG, NHS Southend CCG, NHS Mid Essex CCG and NHS Castle Point & Rochford CCG.

**The Joint Committee**

A STP Joint Committee is being formed under which will sit a management team (for which the arrangements are currently being formalised). The STP Joint Committee (terms of reference attached for information) will be a committee of each CCG with the purpose of overseeing and providing the appropriate governance for commissioning arrangements across the STP footprint. This will enable the CCG to commission services across the STP footprint 'once' to reduce red tape and the complexities of commissioning with five separate organisations and ensure the best quality and value for our patients. The following services are included within the STP:

- Acute services (NHS and independent sector) commissioning and contracting
- Integrated Urgent Care services (including NHS 111) commissioning and contracting
- Ambulance services commissioning and contracting
- Patient Transport Services commissioning and contracting
- Learning Disability decision making (within the existing pan-Essex arrangements);
- Mental Health services contracting and commissioning of Acute Mental Health services.

**Overview of CCG functions**

The CCG will maintain overall accountability and responsibility for the STP Joint Committee, although services will be commissioned once across the STP footprint.

Consequently the NHS Thurrock CCG will then be able to focus its commissioning intentions on out of hospital care and a model that will see a movement of services to a community setting in accordance with the needs of our patients.

**Implications for HOSC**

There are no direct implications for the HOSC and as such it should be seen to be business as usual in terms of how the HOSC interacts with the NHS Thurrock CCG. The Accountable Officer will continue to represent the CCG and will provide updates in relation to the STP Joint Committee and progress in joint commissioning arrangements.

Representatives from HOSC, in line with the public in general can attend the STP Joint Committee public meetings should they so wish.