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## **Heath and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee**

**23 November 2022**

### **NHS Winter Preparedness**

#### **Report by Director of Law and Assurance**

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### **Summary**

The Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (HASC) identified scrutiny of NHS preparedness for seasonal pressures this winter as a priority. NHS Sussex has provided a report (at Appendix A) setting out its plans relating to West Sussex residents, highlighting any specific challenges and risks and how these are being addressed.

### **Focus for scrutiny**

The focus for scrutiny is to seek assurance that the approach taken by the NHS across West Sussex responds adequately to expected pressures this winter.

Key lines of enquiry include:

- 1) NHS capability and capacity to deliver the plans as set out in the Appendix, including consideration of workforce challenges.
- 2) Whether the plan focuses on the right, evidence-based priorities.
- 3) Any linkages with Adult Social Care and how these are being addressed.
- 4) How plans have taken account of patient outcomes and how this will be assessed
- 5) To identify any related issues where scrutiny could add value in future

The Chairman will summarise the debate, which will then be shared with NHS Sussex.

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## **1. Background and context**

- 1.1 The background and context to this item for scrutiny are set out in the attached report. There are no resource or risk implications directly affecting West Sussex County Council, as this is a report by the NHS, relating to NHS services.

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**Appendices**

**Appendix A:** Report on Winter Planning by NHS Sussex

**Background Papers:** None