
Heath and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

22 November 2023

Sussex System Winter Plan 2023-24 - November 2023

Report by Director of Law and Assurance

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. This topic was last considered by HASC on 23 November 2022.

Focus for scrutiny

The focus for scrutiny is to seek assurance that the approach taken by NHS 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) How the NHS is working with Adult Social Care to manage seasonal pressures.
- 4) How the impact on patient outcomes will be monitored and assessed
- 5) To identify any related issues where scrutiny could add value in future

The Chairman will summarise the debate, with any conclusions to be shared with NHS Sussex.

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: Sussex System Winter Plan 2023-24 - November 2023

Background Papers: None