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

**6 March 2024**

### **University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust: Report by the Care Quality Commission**

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

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### **Summary**

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (UHS) was created on 1 April 2021 through the merger of Western Sussex Hospitals and Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trusts. The Trust has recently received the publication of the report relating to the latest Care Quality Commission (CQC) visit to its main acute sites, in August 2023. The report announced new individual ratings for each of the four hospitals, after inspecting the Surgery and Medicine divisions, but this will not change the overall organisational CQC rating. The CQC is now rating St Richard's, Worthing and Princess Royal hospitals as "Requires Improvement". For St Richard's and Worthing, that is a drop from the previous "Outstanding" ratings. In addition the Royal Sussex County Hospital is also rated as "Requires Improvement" (having previously been classified as Inadequate). The presentation (Appendix A) updates the Committee on the findings of the inspection and sets out the actions put in place to address these.

### **Focus for scrutiny**

The focus for scrutiny is to seek assurance that actions are being put in place to address areas of concern raised by the CQC.

Key lines of enquiry include:

- 1) The effectiveness and resilience of measures taken to improve services
- 2) Whether any further improvements are planned or required
- 3) The impact on service users and their families/carers as appropriate
- 4) To identify whether any further scrutiny of this matter could add value

The Chairman will summarise the output of the debate for consideration by the Committee, with conclusions to be shared with University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust.

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## **Details**

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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Appendix A: Presentation by University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust

### **Background papers**

None