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

**11 January 2023**

### **West Sussex Stroke Programme**

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

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### **Summary**

The Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (HASC) was updated by NHS Sussex on the West Sussex Stroke Programme in October 2020, July 2021 and November 2021.

The aim of the Programme is to address gaps in service provision in the coastal area of West Sussex identified through a review in 2019. This review looked at the whole stroke pathway from prevention, acute phase to rehabilitation and life after stroke services. The Programme aims to ensure that local stroke services are fully compliant with national standards, achieving the highest levels of performance to deliver improved outcomes for patients.

The report at Appendix A provides an update on progress following the development of the Stroke Case for Change and includes details of consultation and engagement plans for the Programme. The proposals in this paper focus specially on addressing the acute stroke model.

### **Focus for scrutiny**

For the Committee to assess the NHS Sussex proposal to change stroke services and determine whether this constitutes a substantial variation in the provision of service, and if so, whether it requires further scrutiny. In carrying out this assessment, the Committee should refer to the guidance for determining NHS service change proposals attached at Appendix B.

Key lines of enquiry include:

- 1) The reasons for the proposed change, and whether it will improve patient outcomes and clinical quality
- 2) How the proposed change will impact on parents/carers and families
- 3) Plans for further engagement with HASC regarding public consultation requirements of the acute stroke model.

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 from NHS Sussex

**Appendix B:** Checklist for NHS Service Change Proposals

**Background Papers:** None