



## South-East London (SEL) Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC)

### Report title- SEL JHOSC Work Programme Report

**Date:** 6 July 2023

#### Outline and recommendations

This report asks the members of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) to discuss & agree agenda items for the committee's work programme.

The Committee is asked to:

- Discuss the committee's priorities and the strategic issues that impact all of South-East London (SEL) and then to recommend items for the Committee's work programme.
- Ensure that the topics that are selected for discussion are appropriate for South East London level scrutiny, can add value, and do not duplicate scrutiny activity happening within individual participating authorities.
- Note opportunities for scrutiny between formal meetings.

### 1. Summary

- 1.1. This report asks members to discuss and agree agenda items for the committee's work programme for the year ahead.
- 1.2. The work programme should be reviewed at each meeting to take account of changing priorities.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to:
  - Discuss the committee's priorities and strategic issues that impact all of SEL and then to recommend items for the Committee's work programme.
  - Ensure that the topics that are selected for discussion are appropriate for South East London level scrutiny, can add value, and do not duplicate scrutiny activity happening within individual participating authorities.
  - Note opportunities for scrutiny between formal meetings.

### 3. The Committee's Work Programme

- 3.1. After the significant formal changes brought about by the Health and Care Act 2022 and the placement of Integrated Care Systems on a statutory footing, there have been changes to the role of the JHOSC. Therefore, the work programme of the Committee needs to allow for greater scrutiny of the wider, system level issues that relate to the planning, provision and operations of health services across the ICS footprint area.

- 3.2. The Committee has a key role in having oversight of, and scrutinising, the health of the overall system including how the ICB and ICP work together, and in reviewing how system-wide plans and strategies will be operationalised and whether outcomes are being delivered at system level.
- 3.3. The Work Programme will cover formal and informal meetings and can also include information updates that can be circulated by email.
- 3.4. It has been agreed that the committee will have two formal meetings a year to undertake deep dives into strategic issues that impact all of South-East London. Alongside these two formal meetings, the JHOSC can also have informal meetings that will provide an opportunity to receive updates, discuss the work programme and discuss local health matters more informally.
- 3.5. The Committee should assess what is the most effective way for receiving information on / considering issues of interest. This could be scrutinising the issue at a formal meeting, discussing it in an informal meeting or receiving a written update that is circulated to Members by email.
- 3.6. This report asks the members of the Committee to discuss the priorities of the JHOSC, consider the key services and programmes within the committee's remit, and recommend items for the Committee's work programme.
- 3.7. Members of the JHOSC will need to ensure that the topics selected for discussion are appropriate for South East London level scrutiny. In other words, those matters where the joint Committee is the best way of considering how the needs of a local population, which crosses council boundaries, are being met.
- 3.8. For each item on the work programme, the Committee should clearly define the information and analysis it wishes to see in the officer reports.
- 3.9. The Committee should also consider whether to invite any expert witnesses to provide evidence, and whether site visits or engagement would assist the effective scrutiny of the item.

#### **4. Suggestions for the SEL JHOSC's Work Programme**

- 4.1. The members of the Committee had an informal meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2023 which included a discussion on the Committee's work programme. The following suggestions were discussed:
  - Workforce- Challenges with recruitment and retention of staff.
  - Prevention and early intervention in Mental Health
  - Budget discussions and winter arrangements
  - Acute care and GP appointments
  - Hospital Capacity Planning (particular concerns around Queen Elizabeth Hospital)
  - A&E pressures
  - The Discharge process and tackling the elective backlog
  - Approach to resolving medication shortages
  - Access to dentistry appointments and in particular NHS appointments
- 4.2. The following suggestions for the work programme were received from South-East London Integrated Care Board (SEL ICB) officers:
  - Integrated Care Board 'Joint Forward Plan'
  - Elective recovery
  - Focussed discussion on workforce

## **5. Financial implications**

- 5.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. When items for the Committee's work programme are agreed, those items may have financial implications, and these will need to be considered as part of the reports on those items.

## **6. Legal implications**

- 6.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. When items for the Committee's work programme are agreed, those items may have legal implications, and these will need to be considered as part of the reports on those items.

## **7. Equalities implications**

- 7.1. The Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 7.2. There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report. When items for the Committee's work programme are agreed, those items may have equalities implications, and these will need to be considered as part of the reports on those items.

## **8. Climate change and environmental implications**

- 8.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. Items on the work programme may have climate change and environmental implications and reports considered by the Committee should acknowledge this.

## **9. Crime and disorder implications**

- 9.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. Items on the Committee's work programme may have crime and disorder implications, and these will need to be considered as part of the reports on those items.

## **10. Health and wellbeing implications**

- 10.1. There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. Items on the Committee's work programme may have health and wellbeing implications, and these will need to be considered as part of the reports on those items.

## **11. Report author and contact**

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