Briefing …
Health and care structures in East Sussex

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 introduced some radical changes to the health and care structures in the UK which were intended to reform the organisations commissioning services and those that regulate health and care services.

This briefing outlines the changes to East Sussex structures.

**Health and Wellbeing Board**
This board brings together local commissioners of health and social care, together with elected representatives and representatives from HealthWatch to oversee the development of an integrated local health service through the development of the East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

East Sussex County Council is responsible for the running of the board. It has statutory powers and meets in public. Details of its meetings, agendas and papers can be found on the East Sussex Council Council website: [http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/about/committees/meetings/healthwellbeing.htm](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/about/committees/meetings/healthwellbeing.htm).

The third sector (or voluntary and community sector) has one non-voting representative on the board, Marie Casey, who works for the advocacy organization, SEAP, and is a member of the SpeakUp Forum. She can be contacted via email: marie.casey@seap.org.uk or via SpeakUp on 01323 727 872. Further details about SpeakUp’s role on the Health and Wellbeing Board can be found on the SpeakUp website: [http://www.speakupforum.org.uk](http://www.speakupforum.org.uk).

**Public Health**
In 2013 East Sussex County Council became responsible for much of public health which is concerned with the overall health and wellbeing of the population. Public health sits within Adult Social Care in the county council and is responsible for identifying health risks and developing plans and programmes to improve and protect the health of the population as a whole. The services it runs include, among other things, sexual health services, health protection, public health advice to the Clinical Commissioning Groups, alcohol and drug misuse service, smoking cessation services, nutrition initiatives, increasing physical activity, behaviour and lifestyle campaigns and accidental injury prevention. The Director of Public Health produces an annual report analysing evidence and health trends in the county which is used to

**Healthwatch East Sussex**
Healthwatch is the new independent local consumer champion for members of the public who use health and care services. Healthwatch East Sussex has a responsibility to actively engage with the community and encourage local people to share their opinions on the health and social care services that are available in the area and to then ensure that those views are taken into account. You can get more information from their website: [http://www.healthwatcheastsussex.co.uk](http://www.healthwatcheastsussex.co.uk).

**Clinical Commissioning Groups**
As part of the 2012 act, reforms, primary care trusts (PCTs) were abolished and the majority of their functions passed to clinical commissioning groups. The CCGs are GP-led and with a membership of all GP practices in their area. The CCGs commission planned hospital care, urgent and emergency care, rehabilitation care, community health services, mental health services and learning disability services.

There are three CCGs in East Sussex. They hold their board meetings in public and details of these and their work can be found as follows:

**Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford Clinical Commissioning Group**
They can be contacted by phone on 01273 485 300. Their website is [http://www.eastbournehailshamandseafordccg.nhs.uk/](http://www.eastbournehailshamandseafordccg.nhs.uk/).

**The High Weald Lewes Havens Clinical Commissioning Group**
They can be contacted by phone on 01273 485 300. Their website is [http://www.highwealdleweshavensccg.nhs.uk](http://www.highwealdleweshavensccg.nhs.uk).

**Hastings and Rother CCG**
They can be contacted by phone on 01424 735 600. Their website is [http://www.hastingsandrotherccg.nhs.uk](http://www.hastingsandrotherccg.nhs.uk).

**Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel**
The East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel reviews and scrutinises matters that involve the planning, provision and operation of health services in our county. Their remit is to ensure that local factors are taken into account and that health services are fair and equally provided to all local people. They consider and comment on major local NHS developments. **The third sector has two representatives on the HOSC – Julie Eason from SEAP who can be contacted by email: julie.eason@seap.org.uk and Jennifer Twist, of Care for the Carers who can be contacted by email: jennifert@cftc.org.uk. Both are on HOSC representing the SpeakUp Forum.**
East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust
East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust provides acute hospital and community health services for East Sussex. Most services are provided from the two district general hospitals, Conquest Hospital and Eastbourne DGH both of which have Emergency Departments and provide care 24 hours a day. They also run minor injury units, outpatients, day surgery and other services at other hospitals around the county.

Further information is available from their website: [http://www.esht.nhs.uk](http://www.esht.nhs.uk).

Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust provides mental health, learning disability, substance misuse and prison healthcare throughout Sussex.

Further information is available from their website: [http://www.sussexpartnership.nhs.uk/about](http://www.sussexpartnership.nhs.uk/about).

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