



**MINUTES of
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
15 OCTOBER 2024**

PRESENT

Chairperson	Councillor S J N Morgan
Vice-Chairperson	Councillor P L Spenceley
Councillors	L J Haywood, C P Morley, M G Neall, N G F Shaughnessy, E L Stephens, N J Swindle and M E Thompson
In attendance	Councillor J Driver

360. CHAIRPERSON'S NOTICES

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through some general housekeeping arrangements for the meeting.

361. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

362. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 September 2024 be approved and confirmed.

At this point the Chairperson welcomed Councillor J Driver, an 'in attendance' Member and the newly appointed Deputy Chief Executive to the meeting.

363. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were none.

364. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests were received.

365. MID AND SOUTH ESSEX NHS

The Chairperson introduced the Mid Essex NHS Alliance Director, Mr Daniel Doherty.

Mr Doherty provided Members with a detailed presentation and in response to questions from the Committee, provided the following information:

- The Integrated Care Board (ICB) is the main NHS organisation that distributes funds from NHS England to Mid and South Essex providers. The Mid and South Essex Foundation Trust operates several hospitals, including Broomfield Hospital in Chelmsford, Basildon University Hospital, and Southend University Hospital.
- Systems used by the NHS to store and access patient data were currently spread across multiple different systems in England, however there was an ambition across the whole of the NHS to start to unify these.
- There was a big emphasis on retaining staff up and down the country as many are leaving due to several factors one of them being low staff morale.
- To address the '8:00am rush', several GP surgeries in Essex have been using E-Consult services to ensure that as many patients can be seen as possible. This service allows patients to use their smart phone to send images or videos for GPs to assess.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Doherty for attending the meeting for and his detailed presentation.

There being no other items of business the Chairperson closed the meeting at 9.03 pm.

S J N MORGAN
CHAIRPERSON