

Overview and Scrutiny Commission

23 May 2024

Work Programme Update



Education, Skills and Growth

Subject Update

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Written Statement of Action and Safety Valve

- 96 of the 113 actions within the WSOA have now been delivered and the impact for families and schools is closely monitored by the Department for Education (DfE) and Care Quality Commission in review meetings approximately every quarter
- The council entered into a safety valve agreement with the DfE in March 2024 which enables us to continue our improvement journey
- Funding secured for two new free schools for children and young people – one for autism (due to open late 2026) and one for social, emotional, mental health needs (due to open late 2025)
- Funding has been secured to build two new secondary specialist resource provisions specialising in autism and communication needs
- The College Hall Pupil Referral Unit will close following a public consultation and appropriate places will be found for those who currently attend
- A new digital service has been launched for children and young people unable to attend school due to their medical needs
- A review of commissioning arrangements for high-cost independent non-maintained special schools is underway

Health and Care Panel

Sexual Health scrutiny review			
Due date of completion	August 2024		
Dates of activity	<p>8 May 2024 - private meeting to discuss recommendations took place.</p> <p>10 July 2024 - public meeting to discuss and agree report and recommendations.</p> <p>Report is due to be submitted at the O&S commission for approval on 29 August 24</p>		
Current RAG Rating		Concerns/ remedial work	No additional work undertaken
Progress	<p>Evidence gathering and research is now complete for the Sexual Health review. Work is in progress to complete the review report. The report was due to be submitted at the O&S commission for approval on 4 July but has been deferred to 29 August 2024. This may have an impact on the start of the next review.</p>		

Health and Care Panel

Subject Update

Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee- Frimley Park Hospital rebuild

- Inaugural meeting held on 17 May 2024. Chair and Vice Chair elected.
- Meeting recorded and updated to Surrey County Council website. Link available from BFC O&S website.
- Presentation by five representatives from Frimley Park Hospital NHS Trust and Frimley Integrated Care Board which included details about progress so far, the site selection process and next steps.
- Future meeting dates being arranged and there will be monthly meetings in the diary and cancelled if not required.
- Importance stressed that good quality care at the current hospital to continue.
- Frimley ICS covers approximately 800,000 residents. Ageing population and differing demographics across the area covered.
- Queries around planning for the new site included the size of site required: 25-50 acres, within 5 miles of current site and ideally a brownbelt site.
- Deadlines met to date. Site selection to be decided by end of the summer.
- Design criteria based on national design and a schedule of accommodation to be worked out.
- Urgent care vision to be developed as part of clinical strategy, with partners, and included assumptions about an increase in community beds and virtual care, with an increase of an additional 100 beds in the hospital.