

1. Open Garden Event

What a fantastic and hugely popular event this was, so thank you very much for attending. The winner of the competition was a lady from Valkyrie Road in Westcliff. She successfully named all 5 plants and was the only one to do so. Watch out for her photo in the Echo, along with a list of all the plant names. A big thank you must go to Freddie Dawkins for arranging this, and hopefully a substantial amount of money has been raised for the Tram Stop Shelter. There are photos from the day on www.bera.co.uk on the Events page.

2. Update on Mid and South Essex Success Regime\Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP)

Following a meeting on the 21st June, please see information we were given about what is planned to happen in the future.

CCG Joint Committee

- The CCG Joint Committee, which is due to meet for the first time in July, will lead the PCBC and public consultation.
- Commissioning functions of the CCG Joint Committee cover:
 - Acute services
 - NHS 111 and out of hours services
 - Ambulance services
 - Patient transport services
 - Services for people with learning disabilities
 - Services for people with mental health problems
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- Strategic functions include:
 - Delivery of the STP local health and care strategy
 - Decisions on STP wide service configurations
 - Agreement of relevant STP wide patient pathways and restriction policies
 - Leadership of relevant public consultation that affect the whole STP area

Next stages of development leading to public consultation

- The Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership is developing a pre-consultation business case (PCBC) that will present the case for change and proposed way forward, based on clinical evidence. It will include financial plans and proposed capital investment.
- Subject to national assurance, there would then follow a public consultation.
- The programme is now exploring a phased approach to implementation, where the vision (to separate elective and non-elective and consolidate services where it makes sense to do so) remains the same, but a step-by-step approach is taken to service change.

- Within the hospital trusts, some thirteen clinical working groups are developing patient pathways and clinical protocols for:
 - Emergency and A&E services, including assessment centres
 - Acute admissions eg vascular, stroke, renal, cancer surgery
 - Planned care eg urology, neurology, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, cancer surgery
 - Paediatrics
- There will be further opportunities for service users and local people to get involved in developing patient pathways before, during and after public consultation.

Current timescales

Discussions with stakeholders on draft PCBC	June-Sept 2017
Completion of PCBC	September 2017
Local regional and national assurance process	Oct-Nov 2017
Consultation programme	Dec 2017-March 2018
Analysis of outcomes and review of proposals	April 2018
Decisions based on outcome of consultation	May 2018

Background papers

For further background information please see the STP summary and other documents at www.successregimeessex.co.uk.

BERA's view is that we must make sure that Southend and the surrounding areas keep a fully functioning hospital, including the A&E Department. We are happy to listen to what is being discussed but fear that decisions have already been made and therefore our protestations will fall on deaf ears. The only way to try and stop the downgrading of our A&E and eventually our hospital, will be to keep up the protests. We aim to keep our members fully informed as information becomes available.

3. Update on work at Kent Elms

The 9th June weekend road closure of Rayleigh Road was carried out successfully and with the new A127 Southend bound carriageway nearing completion Eurovia now need to resurface the carriageway. Between 19th to 30th June 2017 Eurovia will be resurfacing the A127 - Arterial Road, Prince Avenue, Rayleigh Road so that they are all at the same level. Due to the operations involved, this requires a series of road closures to ensure the safety of the public and workforce. Residents and businesses will be informed of these closures by letter drop, Variable message Signs and social media. As usual the Public Liaison Officer will address any concerns raised.

The road closures will be in place from 8.00pm to 7.00am with signed diversions in place. The contractor will have finished his work before 7am however the surfacing material requires to be cooled before it is trafficked by vehicles. During these closures the traffic signal contractor will also be installing the new traffic signal poles and cabling.

BT will continue to carry out their work at the South East corner of the junction and will be casing their new chamber.

Next week some off-peak daytime lane closures may still be necessary whilst work continues to be undertaken within the central reserve and supporting the BT works.

Coming up - There will also be some further overnight closures to allow SCOOT Loops to be cut and we will advise you of these dates once they have been finalised.

For further information please see:

http://www.southend.gov.uk/info/200447/better_southend/601/kent_elms_junction>

4. Work on the Sutton Road Cemetery Roads

BERA were previously asked whether anything could be done about the state of the Sutton Road Cemetery Roads. We now have good news that funding has been agreed and major repairs throughout the Cemetery will be taking place over the coming weeks.

5. Re-surfacing of the carriageway from Thorpe Hall Avenue down to Thorpe Esplanade.

We have received an email notifying us that the carriageway along Thorpe Hall Avenue down to Thorpe Esplanade is due to be re-surfaced, with work starting in the next few weeks. We will let you have further up-to-date information when we receive it.