

Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Monday, 24 July 2017

Electoral Division affected:
Chorley Central; Chorley North; Chorley Rural East; Chorley Rural West; Chorley South; Clayton with Whittle; Euxton, Buckshaw & Astley; Hoghton with Wheelton; Leyland Central; Leyland South; Lostock Hall & Bamber Bridge; Moss Side & Farington; Penwortham East & Walton-le-Dale; Penwortham West; Preston Central East; Preston Central West; Preston City; Preston East; Preston North; Preston Rural; Preston South East; Preston South West; Preston West; South Ribble East; South Ribble West;

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust - Recruitment and Retention and the mobilisation of Chorley and South Ribble Hospital Emergency Department and Urgent Care Centre

(Appendices A and B refer)

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Executive Summary

Prof. Mark Pugh, Medical Director from the Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust will provide the Committee with an update on the mobilisation of Chorley and South Ribble Hospital's Emergency Department and Urgent Care Centre and the issues faced with recruitment and retention.

Recommendation

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- i. Receive and note the update on the mobilisation of Chorley and South Ribble Hospital's Emergency Department and Urgent Care Centre; and

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| <p>ii. Determine if a further update is required and to assign that update to the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group.</p> |
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Background and Advice

On 13 April 2016, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust notified a number of stakeholders and the public that they had taken the decision to temporarily close the A&E Department at Chorley and South Ribble Hospital and introduce an Urgent Care Service which would be open between the hours of 8am and 8pm with a GP Out of Hours service overnight. The reason given by the Trust for the decision was due to insufficient numbers of middle grade doctors required to deliver a safe service. The temporary change came into effect on Monday 18 April 2016.

The Health Scrutiny Committee consequently held a series of meetings to establish how the situation came to be, what steps needed to be taken by the Trust to resolve the situation, and what lessons could be learnt from the NHS for the future.

This culminated in the production of the Scrutiny report, "Emergency Care Crisis – Chorley" which was presented to the Health Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 20 September 2016. A response to the Scrutiny report was presented to the Committee by the Trust at its meeting on 22 November 2016. A copy of the Trust's response is set out at Appendix A.

For information of the Committee, the meeting held on the 24 May 2016, involved the scrutiny on external factors that affect recruitment processes and heard from NHS Improvement, NHS Employers, Medacs Healthcare and Health Education North West who expressed their concerns and explained their roles and responsibilities. An extract of the minutes of that meeting is set out at Appendix B.

On the 18 January 2017, it was confirmed that the Emergency Department at Chorley and South Ribble Hospital would re-open on an 8am-8pm basis. In addition to this, new 24hr, seven day a week urgent care centres had also opened at Chorley and Preston Hospitals. A&E departments at Chorley and South Ribble and Preston Hospitals are separate entities and are now referred to as Emergency Department and Urgent Care Centres.

A Scrutiny Inquiry Day on the subject of workforce was held on 9th March 2017 and the report from that event is included with the agenda papers for this meeting (item 7). At this event Heather Tierney-Moore, Chief Executive of Lancashire Care Foundation Trust and the Senior Responsible Officer for Leadership and Organisational Development within the Lancashire and South Cumbria STP gave a presentation which provided the context to challenges relating to a health and social care workforce. A copy of that presentation is also included with the agenda papers on pages 51 to 69.

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to: receive and note the update on the mobilisation of Chorley and South Ribble Hospital's Emergency Department and Urgent Care Centre; and determine if a further update is required and to assign that update to the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group. The Steering Group can

always escalate the matter back to the full Committee should the need arise in the future.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk management implications.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Health Scrutiny Committee agenda and minutes	28 February 2017	Gary Halsall, Democratic Services, 01772 536989
	22 November 2016	
	20 September 2016	
	14 June 2016	
	24 May 2016	
	26 April 2016	

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A