

Meeting of the Full Council – 23 July 2015

Report on the Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on 2 June 2015

Chair: County Councillor Steven Holgate

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North West Ambulance Service

The report explained that a motion had been carried at Full Council on 26 February requesting the North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) to meet with the Steering Group of the Health Scrutiny Committee. That meeting had taken place on 13 April, following which the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee felt it would be both appropriate and beneficial for NWAS to return and have a wider discussion on the issues raised with the full membership of the Committee.

Following a lengthy discussion, which is summarised in the minutes, the Chair thanked guests for attending and for providing the Committee with a most useful insight into the Service, its challenges and initiatives being taken.

It was agreed that the minutes of this meeting be considered by the Steering Group with a view to them formulating some comments and recommendations, which would be provided to the NWAS and also be shared with Rossendale Borough Council who were carrying out a piece of work on this same issue.

Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group

It was reported that on 16 March the Steering Group had met with Lancashire Care Foundation Trust to receive an update on the inpatient facilities. A summary of the meeting was at Appendix A to the report presented.

On 13 April the Steering Group had met with officers from the Healthier Lancashire team and the North West Ambulance Service. A summary of the meeting was at Appendix B to the report presented.

Work Plan

A draft work plan for both the Health Scrutiny Committee and its Steering Group, including current Task Group reviews was presented and discussed.