

Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 22 November 2016

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust - response to scrutiny report

(Appendix A refers)

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Executive Summary

Officers from Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust will provide the Committee with a formal response to the recommendations contained within the 'Emergency Care Crisis – Chorley' scrutiny review report approved at the meeting on 20 September.

Attached at Appendix A is the response to the Health Scrutiny Committee report from the Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust.

Recommendation

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to receive and comment on the response by the Trust.

Background and Advice

On 13 April, 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.

Following these meeting the Committee approved a report which set out their conclusions and recommendations. At the meeting on 20 September it was agreed

that the Trust would provide a formal response to the recommendations of the report by 22 November.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Emergency Care Crisis - Chorley	20.9.16	Wendy Broadley/07825 584684

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate