

Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 2 June 2015

Electoral Divisions affected: All

North West Ambulance Service

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Executive Summary

A motion was carried at Full Council on 26 February that requested the North West Ambulance Service to meet with the Steering Group of the Health Scrutiny Committee. That meeting took place on 13 April and a copy of the notes and additional information can be found at Item 7 on this agenda.

Following the attendance of the Trust at that meeting the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee felt it would be both appropriate and beneficial for officers to return and have a wider discussion on the issues raised with the full membership of the Committee.

The following representatives of the Trust will be in attendance:

- Bob Williams - Chief Executive Officer
- Peter Mulchay – Head of Service for Cumbria and Lancashire
- Wyn Dignan – Chair of the Trust

Recommendation:

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and comment on the report

Background and Advice

The following motion was carried at a meeting of the Full Council on 26 February 2015

Ambulance Response Times

County Council notes the continuing poor ambulance response times affecting Lancashire, especially in the east of the county, with performance significantly under target for Red 1 calls (the most urgent cases). Council also notes that a contributory factor to this underperformance is the queueing affecting Accident and Emergency departments.

County Council resolves that:

The North West Ambulance Service and north west CCGs be requested to take urgent action to improve response times for casualties in those areas of Lancashire most affected by poor Red 1 performance.

The county council resolves that the chairman and chief executive of the North West Ambulance Service and north west CCGs be requested as a matter of urgency to attend a meeting of the LCC Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group to advise what measures are being undertaken to improve response times across the county including those areas most affected by poor Red 1 performance.

Officers from the Trust met with the Steering Group on 13 April and a copy of the notes of that meeting and a PowerPoint presentation are appended to Item 7 on this agenda.

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

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N/A.

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.