

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

Meeting to be held on Monday, 24 October 2016

Emergency Care Crisis - Chorley: report of the Health Scrutiny Committee

(Appendix A refers)

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Executive Summary

The Health and Wellbeing Board is presented with the report of the Health Scrutiny Committee into the emergency care crisis at Chorley Hospital. The report was approved by the Committee at its meeting on 20 September.

The report identifies a number of recommendations, two of the recommendations require a formal response from the Board.

County Councillor Steve Holgate will present the report.

Recommendation

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- i) Produce a formal response to the relevant recommendations contained with the report by 22 November.

Background

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 only 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 for the NHS for the future. Committee meetings took place on 26 April, 24 May and 14 June 2016 during which evidence was presented by a number of stakeholders and additional information had been gathered to support the members in their consideration of the issues identified.

A report was subsequently presented to the Committee on 20 September 2016 which set out the findings and conclusions identified through their previous meetings and highlighted a number of recommendations. The Committee approved the recommendations subject to a few minor amendments and attached at Appendix A is the revised final version of the report.

CC Holgate will present the report and seek a commitment from the Board to provide a formal response to Recommendations 7 and 10.

List of background papers

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

This report should be no more than **two** pages in total but may provide links to more detailed information and papers.