

Item 7: South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SECAmb): Update

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Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SECAmb).

It provides additional background information which may prove useful to Members.

1. Introduction

(a) South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SECAmb) was formed in 2006 from the merger of Kent, Surrey and Sussex ambulance services and in 2011 became a Foundation Trust.

(b) They receive and respond to 999 calls from the public, urgent calls from healthcare professionals and receive and respond to calls to NHS 111 as well as providing the regional Hazardous Area Response Team (HART). They provide services to 4.7 million people over the 9,400 square kilometres of Kent, Medway, Surrey, Sussex and North East Hampshire.

(c) On 8 November 2018 SECAmb were given a CQC overall rating of 'Requires improvement':

Safe	-	Requires improvement
Effective	-	Requires improvement
Caring	-	Good
Responsive	-	Requires improvement
Well-led	-	Requires improvement

(d) The Trust remains in special measures.

2. Previous Committee Attendance and Requested Information

(a) The Trust last presented to the Committee on 27 April 2018 following the decision to revert to individual scrutiny of the Trust by each health scrutiny committee.

(b) SECAmb have requested to provide an update to the Committee. As part of the report SECAmb were requested to provide information on CQC action planning, performance targets including the Ambulance Response Programme, winter planning including vehicle dispatch

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strengthening, fleet investment and renewal, an overview of the Five-Year Strategic Plan and the Trust's finances.

(c) A written report on the Trust is attached for information.

3. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted and SECAMB be requested to provide an update in June 2019.

Background Documents

Kent County Council (2018) '*Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (27/04/2018)*',

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=112&MId=7846&Ver=4>

Overview and CQC inspection ratings and report – South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

<https://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RYD>

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust Five Year Strategic Plan 2017-2022

http://www.secamb.nhs.uk/about_us/our_vision_and_strategy.aspx

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