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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 8 October 2010

Subject: Intended Outcomes: South East Coast Ambulance Services – Current Developments.

1. Background

- (1) In previous discussions that the Committee has had about different ways to restructure and refocus the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, one of the recurring themes has been that the Committee's meetings should be more focused on the outcomes it would like to achieve. Another has been the need to make the work of the Committee more accessible to members of the public.
- (2) This paper is intended to be a way to progress towards achieving these twin aims. The questions in Section 2 are the ones submitted to South East Coast NHS Ambulance Trust in advance of the 3 September meeting.
- (3) This subject was first considered on 3 September 2010 and Members requested the opportunity to revisit it and in the interim accept SECAMB's invitation to make a site visit to the Make Ready Depot in Thanet and the Emergency Dispatch Centre in Coxheath.

2. Hierarchy of Questions

- (1). Overarching Questions
 1. What progress has been in your Make Ready Depot programme?
 2. How will this programme progress in the future?
 3. How will this affect the way services are delivered?

3. Recommendations

- (a) The Committee is asked to assess whether the outcomes in section 2 above have been achieved or if further information on this topic is required by the Committee.