

Item 9: Patient Transport Services.

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 31 January 2014

Subject: Patient Transport Services (PTS)

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided on Patient Transport Services.

It is a written update only and no guests will be present to speak on this item.

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

1. Introduction

(a) The following is a definition of Patient Transport Services from the Department of Health:

- *Non-emergency patient transport services, known as PTS, are typified by the non-urgent, planned, transportation of patients with a medical need for transport to and from a premises providing NHS healthcare and between NHS healthcare providers. This can and should encompass a wide range of vehicle types and levels of care consistent with the patients' medical needs.*¹

(b) The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the subject of PTS on two occasions in 2013:

- 1 February 2013.
- 29 November 2013.

(c) At the end of the discussion on 29 November 2013, the Committee agreed the following recommendation:

- AGREED that the Committee thanks its guests for their attendance and contributions today along with their answers to the Committee's questions, and asks for a written update report within 3 months and a return visit in 6 months.

(d) The written update report is included in this Agenda. The Committee will return to this subject in line with the above recommendation later this year.

¹ Department of Health, *Eligibility Criteria for Patient Transport Services (PTS)*, 23 August 2007, p.7,
http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130107105354/http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/documents/digitalasset/dh_078372.pdf

2. Recommendation

Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the report.

Appendices

None.

Background Documents

Department of Health, Eligibility Criteria for Patient Transport Services (PTS), 23 August 2007,

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Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Kent County Council, Agenda 29 November 2013,

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