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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 11 April 2014  
Subject: Patient Transport Services (PTS)

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

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

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## 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.*

(b) The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the subject of PTS on three occasions since the beginning of 2013:

- 1 February 2013
- 11 October 2013
- 31 January 2014

(c) At the end of the discussion on 31 January 2104, the Committee agreed the following recommendation:

- *RESOLVED that the Committee thanks Mr Ayres for his attendance and contributions today, asks that the CCG and NSL take on board the comments made by Members during the meeting and looks forward to a return visit by the CCG and NSL in April.*

(d) The report from NHS West Kent CCG included in the Agenda for 31 January 2014 included the PTS eligibility/assessment criteria.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup><https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s44902/Report%20from%20West%20Kent%20CCG.pdf>

## **2. Recommendation**

Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider and comment on the report on Patient Transport Services.

### **Background Documents**

Department of Health, Eligibility Criteria for Patient Transport Services (PTS), 23 August 2007,  
[http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130107105354/http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod\\_consum\\_dh/groups/dh\\_digitalassets/@dh/@en/documents/digitalasset/dh\\_078372.pdf](http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130107105354/http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/documents/digitalasset/dh_078372.pdf)

Minutes, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Kent County Council, 1 February 2013, <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=23758>

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