

Item 7: Patient Transport Services

By: Peter Sass, Head of Democratic Services
To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 18 July 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 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 (Department of Health 2007).*
- (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
 - 11 April 2014
- (c) At the end of the discussion on 11 April 2014, the Committee agreed the following recommendation:
- *RESOLVED that Mr Ayres and Mr Souter be thanked for their attendance and contributions to the meeting along with their answers to the Committee's questions, and that a written update be submitted to the Committee in July.*
- (d) The Chairman has asked for a representative of NHS West Kent CCG to attend on 18 July 2014, rather than provide a written briefing, to update Members on the status of the contract with NSL.

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

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that CCG colleagues be thanked for their attendance at the meeting, and that they be requested to take note of the comments made by Members during the meeting and that they be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee three months.

Background Documents

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