

Item 7: SECAMB - Future of Emergency Operation Centres (Written Update)

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 30 January 2015

Subject: SECAMB - Future of Emergency Operation Centres (Written Update)

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided by SECAMB.

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 South East Coast NHS Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SECAMB) was formed on 1 July 2006 through the merger of Trusts in Kent, Surrey and Sussex. SECAMB achieved Foundation Trust status on 1 March 2011 - one of the first ambulance service NHS foundation trusts.
- (b) SECAMB provides ambulance services to a population of over 4.6 million across 3,600 square miles in Kent, Medway, Surrey, East and West Sussex, Brighton and Hove and North East Hampshire. SECAMB responds to 999 calls and provides the NHS 111 service in Kent, Surrey and Sussex. It also provides non-emergency patient transport services in Surrey and Sussex (SECAMB 2014a).
- (c) The three Emergency Dispatch Centres (EDCs) at Coxheath, Lewes and Banstead received 862,466 emergency calls in 2013/14 (SECAMB 2014b).
- (d) On 5 September 2014 the Committee considered SECAMB's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Reconfiguration Project. The Committee's deliberations resulted in agreeing the following recommendation:
 - *RESOLVED that guests be thanked for their attendance at the meeting, 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 in three months.*
- (e) Due to the number of substantive items on the Agenda, this item has changed from a verbal to a written update.

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2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted and SECAmb be requested to provide a written update to the Committee in six months.

Background Documents

SECAmb (2014a) '*South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account and Quality Report 2013/14 (02/07/2014)*',
http://www.secamb.nhs.uk/about_us/our_performance/quality_account.aspx

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