

Item 6: Patient Transport Services

By: Peter Sass, Head of Democratic Services

To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 6 March 2015

Subject: Patient Transport Services

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) HOSC has considered the subject of PTS on seven occasions since the beginning of 2013:

- 1 February 2013
- 11 October 2013
- 31 January 2014
- 11 April 2014
- 18 July 2014
- 5 September 2014
- 28 November 2014

(b) At the end of the discussion on 28 November 2014, the Committee agreed the following recommendation:

- *RESOLVED that the report be noted and that CCG colleagues be invited to attend the March 2015 meeting of the Committee.*

2. Potential Substantial Variation of Service

(a) It is for the Committee to determine if the new service specification constitutes a substantial variation of service.

(b) Where the HOSC deems the new service specification as not being substantial, this shall not prevent the HOSC from reviewing the proposed change at its discretion and making reports and recommendations to the CCG.

(c) Where the HOSC determines the new service specification to be substantial, a timetable for consideration of the change will need to be agreed between the HOSC and CCG after the meeting. The timetable shall include the proposed date that the CCG intends to make a decision as to whether to proceed with the proposal and the date by which the HOSC will provide any comments on the proposal.

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3. Recommendation

If the new service specification is *not substantial*:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee does not deem the new service specification to be a substantial variation of service.
- (b) West Kent CCG be invited to submit a report to the Committee in six months.

If the new service specification is *substantial*:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Committee deems the new service specification to be a substantial variation of service.
- (b) West Kent CCG be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee in three months.

Background Documents

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