

Item 11: SECAMB - Future of Emergency Operation Centres (Written Update)

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 17 July 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. In 2013/14 the Trust received 862,466 emergency calls (SECAMB 2014).
- (c) On 5 September 2014 the Committee considered the Trust's proposals to reduce the number of Emergency Operation Centres from three to two. 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.*
- (d) On 30 January 2015 the Committee considered a written update on the Trust's plans to develop two new Emergency Operations Centres in Kent and West Sussex. The Committee's deliberations resulted in agreeing the following recommendation:
 - *RESOLVED that the report be noted and SECAMB be requested to provide a written update to the Committee in six months.*

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

Kent County Council (2014) '*Agenda, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Kent County Council, (05/09/2014)*',
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=29468>

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