

Item 15: SECAMB Regional Scrutiny Sub-Group (Written Briefing)

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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 20 September 2017

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Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided about the SECAMB Regional Scrutiny Sub-Group.

It is a written briefing 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) In September 2016 the Care Quality Commission (CQC) published its inspection report on South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SECAMB) which rated the Trust as 'inadequate' and recommended that it be placed in special measures.
- (b) At the request of the Trust, NHS England and NHS Improvement and in recognition of the logistical difficulties of SECAMB reporting to each of the six health scrutiny committees in the Trust's area, a SECAMB Regional Scrutiny Sub-Group was established to monitor the Trust's development and progress against its improvement plan at a separate joint meeting.
- (c) At the South East Health Scrutiny Network in November 2016, the Chairs of the health scrutiny committees in Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, Kent, Medway, Surrey and West Sussex agreed the [Terms of Reference](#) for the SECAMB Regional Scrutiny Sub-Group.
- (d) The sub-group is comprised of two representatives from each of the six health scrutiny committees. The Kent representatives are Mrs Chandler and Mr Angell.
- (e) The sub-group has met on three occasions: [20 December 2016](#), [20 March 2017](#) and [26 June 2017](#). The notes of 26 June 2017 meeting are appended to this covering report for information.
- (f) The next meeting of the Sub-Group is scheduled for October 2017. There will be an item on bullying and harassment following the publication of the independent report in August and the new CQC inspection report if published in advance of the meeting. The Agenda and papers will be shared with the Committee in advance of the meeting to enable Members to have the opportunity to propose questions for the Kent representatives to ask. The notes of the meeting

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will be shared with the HOSC and it is proposed that they are published as part of a future Agenda.

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that the establishment of the SECAMB Regional Scrutiny Sub-Group be noted and the Committee considers the notes of future meetings as part of its Agenda.

Background Documents

None

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