

# Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee



14 November 2016

## Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG Accident and Emergency Ambulance Service Review – Post Implementation update

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### Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Partnerships and Transformation

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#### Purpose

1. To provide the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update in respect of the implementation of the revised Accident and Emergency Ambulance Service by Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG which commenced on 1 April 2016.

#### Background

2. Members of the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee have previously considered reports and presentations from the North East Ambulance Service NHS FT, NHS County Durham and Darlington (the former Primary Care Trust), Durham Dales Easington and Sedgefield Clinical Commissioning Group the North East Clinical Senate and representatives of the Durham Dales Ambulance Monitoring Group in respect of DDES CCG 's review of Accident and Emergency Ambulance services within the DDES CCG locality.
3. Following consideration of the independent clinical review report of the North East Clinical Senate at its meeting on 1 September 2015, the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

#### “ Resolved that:

1. The Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee reaffirms its previous agreement that the case for change has been demonstrated by the CCG, given that the North East Clinical Senate had concluded that:-
  - a. There was no evidence of any difference in patient outcomes between an ambulance staffed by a paramedic and an Emergency Care Assistant and one staffed by two paramedics, and
  - b. The Review team felt that personnel resources would likely be better utilised by moving to the mixed crew model.
2. The Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee would request that post implementation monitoring of the proposals be undertaken and that an update report be provided to the Committee 6-

12 months after the proposed commencement of the new service model on 1 April 2016.

3. In view of the Clinical Senate's conclusion 5 within the Independent Review report, the Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee would welcome the proposals detailed 'to develop a set of services and relationships that would improve the resilience of rural populations' and would again request that an update on these issues be brought back to this Committee in due course.
4. The Adults Wellbeing and Health welcomes the introduction of a further RRV ambulance into the DDES area following implementation of these proposals.
5. The Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee welcome the re-instatement of NEAS Ambulance Performance Information reports which set out performance across County Durham, including the Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG area to the Committee and Rural Ambulance Monitoring Group, subject to compliance with Information and Data Governance legislation."

### **Latest Position**

4. The revised Accident and Emergency Ambulance service model was implemented on 1 April 2016.
5. In accordance with the recommendations made by the Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC detailed above, representatives of Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG and North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust will give a presentation to members detailing post implementation monitoring of the new services and also the progress made in "developing services and relationships that would improve the resilience of rural populations" called for within the Clinical Senate report.
6. A progress report by North East Ambulance Service is attached to this report at Appendix 2.

### **Recommendation**

7. Members of the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to receive this report and consider and comment on the presentation and the information contained therein.

### **Background Papers**

Report and Minutes of the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 1 September 2015

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance – None**

**Staffing - None**

**Risk - None**

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None**

**Accommodation - None**

**Crime and Disorder – None**

**Human Rights - None**

**Consultation – None**

**Procurement - None**

**Disability Issues – None**

**Legal Implications – None**