

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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PATIENT TRANSPORT UPDATE

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Summary

This report sets out the response from West Kent Commissioning Group in respect of the request for an update on patient transport.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 Under Chapter 4 – Rules, paragraph 22.2 (c) terms of reference for Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee has powers to review and scrutinise matters relating to the health service in the area including NHS Scrutiny.

2. Background

- 2.1. On 18 December 2013 the Committee had a briefing from West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group and NSL Transport the provider of patient transport in Kent and Medway following a Member request for information.
- 2.2. Members were concerned at the meeting that the service did not appear to be meeting the needs of residents and requested a written briefing, which was provided in February, followed by an update at the April 2014 meeting.
- 2.3. At the meeting on 8 April 2014 a further update was requested for the June meeting. As the Chief Officer, West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group was unable to attend this was deferred to this meeting.
- 2.4. The Chief Officer, West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group will, therefore, be in attendance to respond to Members' questions.
- 2.5. Attached, as appendix 1, to this report is the update on patient transport, as requested.

3. Risk management

- 3.1. There are no specific risk implications for Medway Council arising directly from this report.

4. Legal and Financial Implications

- 4.1. There are no legal or financial implications for the Council.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1. Members are asked to consider and comment on the update.

Background papers:

None.

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