

# HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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## **KENT AND MEDWAY PATIENT TRANSPORT SERVICES**

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### **Summary**

This report provides Members with an update on the provision of Patient Transport Services in Kent and Medway.

### **1. Budget and Policy Framework**

- 1.1 Under the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 the Council may review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in Medway. In carrying out health scrutiny a local authority must invite interested parties to comment and take account of any relevant information available to it, and in particular, relevant information provided to it by a local Healthwatch. The Council has delegated responsibility for discharging this function to this Committee and to the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in the Council's Constitution.
- 1.2 Under Chapter 4 – Rules, Part 4, 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 31 March 2015, a report was brought to this Committee setting out detail of the procurement exercise for patient transport for Kent and Medway.
- 2.2 At the 17 December 2015 meeting of the Committee, it was agreed that an update would be provided to the March 2016 meeting to include details of the successful bidder for the contract.
- 2.3 At the March 2016 meeting, it was explained that there were now three contracts for patient transport in Kent and Medway, one for renal services, a second for Darent Valley and the third for the rest of Kent and Medway. The Committee was informed that there had been a lot of professional and patient input into the process in order to achieve the right contracts, which had all

been awarded to G4S. It was agreed that an update would be brought to the Committee towards the end of 2016

- 2.4 The attached report (Appendix 1) has been provided to update the Committee on this issue.
- 2.5 The Accountable / Chief Officer, West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group will be in attendance to respond to Members' questions.

### **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 specific legal or financial implications for the Council arising directly from this report except to confirm that the report is within the remit of the committee to consider and comment on as per paragraph 1.1 and 1.2 of the report.

### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider and comment on the update and to determine when a further update should be presented to the Committee

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#### **Appendices**

Appendix 1- Patient Transport Update provided by NHS West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group

#### **Background papers**

None.