



ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION 7 July 2008

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

Patient Transport Services

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To consider and comment on Patient Transport Services managed by East Midlands Ambulance Service.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 EMAS is keen to communicate with all OSCs about their services and the challenges they face in providing the patient transport service. Whilst the A&E service has been fairly proactive and well received by committees they are trying to raise the profile of the patient transport service and foster understanding of this element of our Trust.
- 2.2 This service which is vital to those who depend on it, is commissioned by a variety of health care providers including Acute Trusts, PCTs and Mental Health Trusts. Their main challenge remains the commissioning of the service and they believe the cost pressures facing hospital trusts and PCTs has a significant impact on this service. There is the potential always for these services to be contracted out of the NHS to private providers and the danger of fragmentation of services as a result. The Department of Health has suggested that in the future PCTs may wish to lead commission PTS alongside the A&E service but at present this is not a priority locally.
- 2.3 EMAS does not have a particular single issue which they want the Commission to consider at present but they wish to inform members of the work of the service and raise the profile alongside our colleagues on the A&E service.

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Background papers: None
List of appendices: Appendix 1 - Implications

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| IMPLICATIONS |
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Financial

1. None arising from this report.

Legal

2. The Health and Social Care Act 2001 gives health scrutiny committees powers to review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people. This report helps towards reducing health inequalities.

Corporate Priorities

5. This report links with Council's priority for 2007-10 to help us all to be healthy and active.