

COUNCIL CABINET 16 FEBRUARY 2010

Present: Councillor Jones (Chair)
Councillors Allen, Care, Carr, Naitta, Skelton and Troup

In attendance Councillors Dhindsa and Jennings

This record of decisions was published on 18 February 2010. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a key decision is called in.

160/09 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Williamson.

161/09 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

166/09 Review of Patient Transport Services

The Council considered a report on Review of Patient Transport Services. The Adult Services and Health Commission had carried out a review of the non urgent element of the Patient Transport Services. This service was currently commissioned by the Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and uses a wide range of vehicles including ambulances, taxis and volunteer car drivers and often involves carrying more than one patient at a time. The responsibility for commissioning patient transport services will be transferred to NHS Derby City (PCT) at the expiry of the current contract at the end of March 2010.

This topic was selected as part of the Commission's work programme for 2009/10 following a request from the Chair of the Disabled People's Diversity Forum to look into the difficulties faced by some Forum members in booking transport to attend hospital clinic appointments. The Commission received evidence from a range of individuals and organisations during the review process including Derby City Council's Transport Division due to its contract with Derby Community Transport Services to assist patients with visits to health services such as GP's, dentist, opticians and hospital clinics etc. The final report was considered by the Commission at its 7 December meeting. Recommendations contained in the report were based on the evidence and were predominantly targeted at NHS Derby City as the body that would be responsible for commissioning services from April. However, the Commission also made a recommendation to the Council Cabinet due to its funding of the Health Ring and Ride service operated by Derby Community Transport. The Commission recommended that Health Ring and Ride service should operate alongside the PTS and was regularly promoted to potential service users to increase take up and provide a comprehensive patient transport service in the city.

Decision

To ask for a report back on this issue at a future meeting.