

**25 June 2012****Agenda Item:****REPORT OF COUNCILLOR SUE SADDINGTON****EAST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE – TRUST CHANGE  
PROGRAMME “BEING THE BEST”****Purpose of the Report**

1. This report provides Members with a briefing on the change programme being undertaken by the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS). EMAS is currently developing models for change and will commence consultation in July.

**Information**

2. The County Council’s Overview and Scrutiny function has a statutory duty to receive consultations from NHS Trusts for proposals for substantial variations or developments of local health services. It provides Members the opportunity to respond to the consultation and to consider:
  - § whether as a statutory body the OSC has been properly consulted within the consultation period
  - § whether in developing the proposals for service change, the Trust has taken into account the public interest through appropriate patient and public involvement and consultation
  - § whether the proposals for change are in the interests of the local health service

3. Guidance on the duty to involve and consult recommends:
  - a) discussing with patients and the public how services could be improved and resources used more effectively, to produce plans for change – this constitutes involvement in planning;
  - b) discussing ideas, experiences, and the reasons why the NHS body has Identified the need for change with patients and the public, and with key partner organisations – this constitutes involvement in the development of health services;
  - c) consultation on proposals for change, using evidence from the Involvement activities as well as clinical evidence for improvement of treatment and care – this constitutes consultation
4. The Chief Executive of EMAS, Mr Phil Milligan will attend the meeting to provide Members with a full briefing on the change programme.
5. In terms of the estate, EMAS currently operates 65 ambulance stations; associated with this is a high cost of maintenance (supplies, buildings etc). There is a maintenance backlog of £13m and also vacant space within the estate that was previously occupied by the Patient Transport Service. The estate strategy for EMAS indicates a move to a 'hub and spoke' model with a smaller estate optimally positioned for response times within the challenging geography of the region.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that:

1. The Health Scrutiny Committee comment on the information provided and ask questions of the Chief Executive of EMAS
2. Schedule further consideration of the EMAS change programme as necessary

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**Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee**

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**Background Papers**

Nil.

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected All**