

**13 February 2018****Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****EAST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE - RESPONSE TO WINTER PRESSURES****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider information on the response to winter pressures from the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS).

**Information**

2. In the last few days of December 2017 and the early part of January 2018, there were huge pressures on EMAS which resulted in escalation to the National Ambulance Resilience Unit Resource Escalation Action (REAP) Level 4. REAP 4 is the highest alert level for ambulance trusts and was a response to:
  - Huge pressure in the NHS system,
  - Lengthy delays for ambulance crews during hospital handover, and
  - 999 demand.
3. A written briefing from EMAS is attached as an appendix to this report.
4. Keith Underwood, Ambulance Operations Manager for Nottinghamshire and Annette McFarlane, Service Delivery Manager for Nottinghamshire will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee to brief Members and answer questions as necessary.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Considers and comments on the information provided.
- 2) Schedules further consideration as necessary.

**Councillor Keith Girling**  
**Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee**

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**Background Papers**

Nil

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

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