



meeting **EMAS SELECT COMMITTEE**

date **16 July 2007**

agenda item number

Joint report of the Chair of the EMAS Select Committee and the Head of Scrutiny

Performance Management and Commissioning of EMAS

Purpose of report

1. To provide the EMAS Select Committee with the opportunity to develop an understanding of the way that the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) is performance managed and the objectives that the Trust is set.

Background

2. The Select Committee considered the historic performance of the old EMAS Trust at the meeting on 14 May 2007. The Select Committee took evidence from the Healthcare Commission and EMAS and reference was made to the roles of the Strategic Health Authority (SHA) and the Lead Commissioners.
3. The Select Committee was made aware of the work of both the Strategic Health Authority and the Lead Commissioners in performance managing EMAS. Members agreed that further information on the role of the SHA and Lead Commissioners would be required.
4. This scrutiny review seeks to deliver an evidence based assessment of the East Midlands Ambulance Service's performance and services in rural areas and also to provide evidence based suggestions and recommendations to help improve this performance. The Select Committee identified a need to understand the overall picture of performance management for EMAS as part of this objective.

Issues

5. The Strategic Health Authority for Nottinghamshire is NHS East Midlands. Representatives of NHS East Midlands have been requested to attend the meeting. The SHA identified Toby Sanders, Account Director as the appropriate person to contribute to this review. NHS East Midlands have been invited to assist the Select Committee by explaining the new role of the SHA. The Select Committee may wish to specifically focus on the role of the SHA in the performance

management of EMAS and any involvement in the setting of targets and local classifications.

6. The lead commissioner for EMAS is Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust (PCT). David Sharp, Director of Commissioning & Informatics and Kate Brown, Assistant Director Planning will be attending the meeting of the Select Committee. Ian Ellis of Nottinghamshire County Teaching Primary Care Trust will also attend the meeting.
7. The Select Committee may wish to gain an overview of the services that EMAS are commissioned to provide and the role of the PCTs in performance managing EMAS. Some of the areas that the Select Committee may wish to understand include:
 - How EMAS is commissioned, what it is commissioned to provide and what standards that includes
 - The funding available for Ambulance Services
 - The role of the Lead Commissioner and other PCTs in performance managing EMAS
 - How PCTs are working with EMAS to develop services

Recommendations

8. It is recommended that

the EMAS Select Committee consider and analyse the evidence provided and identify any additional information required.

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