



meeting	EMAS SELECT COMMITTEE
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Joint report of the Chair of the EMAS Select Committee and the Head of Scrutiny

EMAS - Further Evidence

Purpose of report

1. To provide the EMAS Select Committee with the opportunity to consider the current performance of the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) and the future challenges facing the Trust.

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 focused on how the Trust had responded to the rating awarded as a result of the Annual Health Checks process.

Issues

3. This scrutiny review seeks to deliver an evidence based assessment of the East Midlands Ambulance Service's performance and services in rural areas. The Trust has updated performance data that the Select Committee should consider as part of this objective
4. The review also seeks to provide evidence based suggestions and recommendations to help improve this performance. In seeking to work with the Trust to improve the response times for ambulance services the Select Committee may also wish to consider issues that could affect the Trust's performance in the short term future.

5. Representatives of the Trust have been invited to attend the meeting of the Select Committee. Members may wish to collect further evidence on:
- The current performance of the Trust
 - Changes to the way that NHS Ambulance Services operate
 - Changes to the type of response
 - Changes to the Trust's fleet
 - Impact on response times and services to the patient
 - Other Challenges facing the Trust
 - Projects being undertaken by the Trust
 - Short term impacts
 - Long term benefits

Recommendations

6. It is recommended that

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

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