

20<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Agenda Item: 8

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **EAST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE UPDATE**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To introduce the latest performance and winter planning information from the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS).

#### **Information**

2. East Midlands Ambulance Service provides emergency 999 care and telephone clinical assessment services for a population of 4.8 million people. On average, EMAS receives a new 999 call every 32 seconds – around 2700 calls per day.
3. Members will recall that back in January this year, EMAS escalated to the National Ambulance Resilience Unit's Resource Escalation Plan (REAP) level 4. REAP 4 is the highest escalation alert level for ambulance trusts and was a response to:
  - Huge pressure in the NHS system
  - Lengthy delays with hospital handover
  - 999 demand
4. Last winter, EMAS services were stretched to the limit. When representatives from EMAS last attended Health Scrutiny Committee in July, Members heard that there would be more vehicles on the road and 296 more frontline staff over the next two to five years (with half of these in post this winter).
5. Senior representatives from EMAS will attend the committee to brief Members and answer questions.
6. A written briefing from EMAS is attached as an appendix to this report. Significantly, Members will see that the briefing makes reference to an additional £9m in funding for clinical staff, ambulances and other resources, potentially rising to £19m dependent on performance targets being met.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Consider and comment on the information provided.
- 2) Schedule 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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