



AGENDA ITEM
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EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES COMMITTEE

CHAIR'S REPORT

Date of meeting	28/01/2020
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Prepared by	Assistant Director Corporate
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Presented by	Chris Turner, Chair of the Committee
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Report purpose	FOR DISCUSSION / REVIEW
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Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt/consideration at Committee/group)		
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ACRONYMS	
CASC	Chief Ambulance Services Commissioner
WAST	Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust

1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Committee to receive an update on key matters related to the work of the Chair.



2. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THIS MEETING (ASSESSMENT)

- 2.1 Since the last Committee meeting Members should note:
- 2.2 My appraisal with the Minister will take place on 27 January. The Committee will be updated on any outcomes at the meeting.
- 2.3 All Wales Chair’s meeting: The Chair has attended All Wales Chairs’ meetings on 26 November 2019 and 7 January 2020. At the latter meeting the Chairs were notified of Welsh Government’s considerable concerns over the perceived lack of progress with regard to developing alternative pathways. The Chairs believed that work was taking place but accepted that there may have been a lack of co-ordination and pace in this work. I offered the services of EASC to help co-ordinate and progress this work and this was gratefully accepted by all parties and I therefore wrote to Andrew Goodall to confirm this. Subsequent to this Andrew Goodall has asked that the work on alternative pathways be incorporated into the work of the Ministerial Ambulance Availability Taskforce (for discussion at the meeting) and that we produce an action plan by 31 January. The CASC and I have also held a helpful meeting with the Chair and Chief Executive of WAST to agree some operating principles for this work.
- 2.4 The programme of visits to Health Boards has continued with meetings at Cwm Taf Morgannwg (28 November 2019) and Powys (10 December 2020). Once again we received constructive feedback on both occasions.
- 2.5 I have continued to attend Management Group meetings as an observer. This is helpful to me personally in meeting colleagues from Health Boards and hearing about different perspectives but I have also been able to observe how the group is developing in terms of agenda setting and the framing of advice back to EASC etc.

3. KEY RISKS/MATTERS FOR ESCALATION TO BOARD/COMMITTEE

- 3.1 Importance of the progress in developing alternative pathways and the co-ordination and pace required going forward.

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Quality/Safety/Patient Experience implications	There are no specific quality and safety implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
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Related Health and Care standard(s)	Governance, Leadership and Accountability
Equality impact assessment completed	Not required
Legal implications / impact	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
Resource (Capital/Revenue £/Workforce) implications / Impact	There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.
Link to Main Strategic Objective	<p>The Committee’s overarching role is to ensure its Commissioning Strategy for Emergency Ambulance Services utilising the five step patient pathway outlined within the National Collaborative Commissioning Quality and Delivery Agreement and the related outcomes for each care standard aligned with the Institute of Healthcare Improvement's (IHI) ‘Quadruple Aim’ are being progressed.</p> <p>This report focuses on all the above objectives, but specifically on providing strong governance and assurance.</p>
Link to Main WBFM Act Objective	Service delivery will be innovative, reflect the principles of prudent health care and promote better value for users

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Emergency Ambulance Services Committee is asked to
- **DISCUSS** and **NOTE** the information within the report.