

MEETING:	HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	20 SEPTEMBER 2010
TITLE OF REPORT:	REVIEWS OF WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS TRUST

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To consider an update following reviews of the Trust.

Recommendation(s)

THAT

- a) **the report be noted, subject to any comments the Committee wishes to make; and**
- b) **the Committee considers whether it requires any further report on this matter.**

Introduction and Background

1. In June 2010 this Committee considered an update on the response to the efficiency review of the West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust (the Lightfoot Review) and the response to the findings of the Committee's scrutiny review of the ambulance service.
2. The Committee agreed that a further report be made in six months time reviewing performance against targets including comparative information for the West Midlands Region and a more detailed breakdown showing by what margin targets were being missed, and also providing information on patient outcomes; that a report be provided to the Committee on the Community First Responder funding plan and Communication links with Community First Responders and the Community Response Manager be invited to attend the meeting; the Committee be advised of the amount and nature of cross-border work with the Welsh Ambulance Service and the extent to which this was reciprocated; an update be requested from Hereford Hospitals NHS Trust on performance against the target for ensuring all emergency ambulance arrivals are accommodated safely in the hospital; and the invitation from WMAS to visit the Emergency Operations Centre at Dudley be accepted.

3. An update is appended. The Community Response manager will give a presentation at the meeting.
4. WMAS performance against targets in Herefordshire is set out in the separate update report.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Update on action in response to the findings of Reviews of the ambulance service.

Background Papers

- None identified.