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MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – HEALTH** held at County Hall, Matlock on 21 January 2015.

PRESENT

Councillor S A Bambrick (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs J E Patten, Mrs I Ratcliffe and Mrs M Stockdale.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs E Atkins, Mrs S Blank, W Major and D McGregor.

01/15 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Health held on 1 December 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

02/15 **REVIEW OF IMMUNISATION** The Committee had received up to 5 days support from Rachel Harris, an Expert Adviser appointed by the CfPS to carry out a scrutiny review into local immunisation with a focus on HPV and influenza vaccination. The review used the Return on Investment (ROI) approach to scrutiny.

The review working group Members made the following recommendations:

A task group be established, led by an officer nominated by the Director of Public Health and comprising officers nominated by the Director of Adult Care, Director of Children and Younger Adults and Public Relations.

1. The task group be given the responsibility for addressing the issues raised during this review (detailed in the Review Conclusions) with a view to establishing a more defined approach to encourage eligible staff to take up the free 'flu vaccine. This work will include;
 - Improving information about the benefits of the vaccine, particularly for services users/clients.
 - Dispelling myths about side effects.
 - Considering the potential for more formalised opportunities to access vaccination - such as the introduction of a voucher scheme for staff to take the vaccine at retail outlets/pharmacies and work-place immunisation sessions
 - Considering improvements to communication to inform and remind staff about taking up their free vaccine, particularly those working in predominantly remote settings or who have infrequent face-to-face contact with colleagues or line managers

- Inclusion of other partners who could assist with the process – for example, Occupational Health officers, trade union representatives
 - Developing better systems for monitoring the uptake of ‘flu vaccinations.
2. The task group will use their findings to develop a corporate vaccination policy for the County Council in respect of their staff which will be adopted by the appropriate departments and communicated to managers and eligible staff. It is desirable that this policy will be in place for implementation at the beginning of the next round of ‘flu immunisation (September 2015).
 3. The County Council, on commissioning care services from private sector providers, seek to embed the requirement for a similar vaccination policy for future contracts.
 4. The NHS England team(s) responsible for the introduction of vaccination in schools be made aware of the responses from the HPV survey (particularly in respect of the preference of girls being immunised with a parent/guardian present and at a GP surgery location) and measures be taken to ensure the new system is introduced sensitively to these findings.
 5. NHS England, Public Health Derbyshire and the Director of Children and Younger Adults note the preferences of how girls and young women would like to receive information about the HPV vaccine and take this into account when promoting and administering the programme. They should also endeavour to include the Derbyshire Youth Council in assisting in this process.
 6. The task group referred to in Recommendation 1 will report on progress to the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Health at appropriate intervals.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted and be presented to Cabinet.

03/15 EAST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN Representatives of the East Midlands Ambulance Service attended the meeting to make a presentation of the development of EMAS’s 5 Year Strategic Plan and its vision and future plans. Copies of various strategy documents had been provided for Members’ information.

The EMAS vision was to play a leading role in the provision, facilitation and transformation of clinically effective urgent and emergency care delivered by highly skilled, compassionate staff, proud to work at the heart of their local community. It was EMAS’s ambition to act as the co-ordinating NHS organisation at the centre of the system; either providing care directly or sign

posting or referring patients to the best service to support them in their homes and the community, reducing admission to hospital where appropriate.

The proposed future operating model was designed to ensure the most appropriate and effective response to meet the needs of patients and / or the referring clinicians. Put simply, supporting delivery of the right care, with the right resource, in the right place and at the right time. It was EMAS's belief that this would support the wider-NHS across the East Midlands, e.g. by aligning thinking with that of the local health and social care five-year transformation plans EMAS wanted to be able to deliver a locally focussed service, with regional resilience.

Members asked a number of questions about the proposals and additional information would be supplied by EMAS.

RESOLVED to note the proposals.