

SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Councillor Brewis.

To: South Holland District Council – 27 February 2019

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Subject Health Scrutiny for Lincolnshire Committee

Purpose: To Provide South Holland District Council with an update following the latest meeting of the Health Scrutiny for Lincolnshire Committee held in January 2019

Recommendation(s):

- 1) That Full Council notes the contents of the report.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 No 'patient safety incidents' had been reported since the introduction of the current interim modus operandi.

2.0 LONG TERM PLAN

- 2.1 A lot of fingers are very permanently crossed concerning the NHS Long Term Plan. Serious investment in Public Health, and prevention and advice services, might reduce the increasing need for the Health Service constantly being a 'reactive' service, responding to crises, etc.
- 2.2 That would be preferable to what actually happened – that Public Health was devolved to upper level local authorities – and that the attendant funding was then largely 'whipped away'.
- 2.3 The suggestion that 3.4 per cent increase over five years will address the shortfall is hilarious. Without a serious change of direction, and perhaps a Scandinavian model of lifestyle being adopted, there would be a substantial need for serious tax increases to fund the NHS shortfall, which at present shows no sign of doing anything except becoming much greater.

3.0 NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORT – THAMES AMBULANCE SERVICE LTD.

- 3.1 This service still leaves a huge lot to be desired, notwithstanding the new management installed over a year ago.
- 3.2 As members may recall, the previous management of TASL had done considerable damage to the voluntary car services across our county, and even though the new management had recovered some of that ground, it was clearly still not 'fit for purpose'.
- 3.3 There was a concern that if notice were given, because of the short list of alternative providers, the service might become much worse.

- 3.4 Members of the committee generally felt that TASL on arriving had little or no knowledge of just how rural and complex a county Lincolnshire has proved to be. We were assured that the original procurement process had been conducted properly.
- 3.5 Reports from the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) and from TASL would continue in alternate months.

4.0 PAPERS

- 4.1 If any member would like a copy of the papers, either electronically or in hard copy, please let me know.

5.0 ACRONYMS

- 5.1 TASL – Thames Ambulance Service
- 5.2 CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group

Background papers:-	none
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Key Decision: N

Exempt Decision: N