

Report to South Yorkshire Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee

Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust

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Background

Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust (YAS) introduced new executive-level roles in each of the new NHS integrated care systems (ICS) at the end of 2022. These new strategic positions were created to ensure an integrated approach to the engagement of services delivered by YAS. Transformation and strategic planning for the future are key aspects to the role and the roles oversee all YAS services in the ICS areas.

Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust is the provider of an emergency ambulance service (999), urgent care services (111), patient transport services (PTS) and the Embrace children's service across Yorkshire and the Humber. These services are supported by a workforce of over 7000 people, and in South Yorkshire operates from 11 sites.

With the introduction of the System Partnership Directors, YAS is now fully integrated at both 'place' and 'system' across the NHS in South Yorkshire, and has regular engagement with local authorities, police, fire and rescue, voluntary and charitable services. Recently YAS contributed to the development of the NHS Joint Forward Plan for South Yorkshire and is committed to continuing to develop partnerships that improve services provided to the population.

Proposal

To ensure that services are reflective of local needs and to meet the YAS ambition of being a collaborator with partners, it is suggested that regular engagement with the South Yorkshire Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) would provide benefit to the population overall. It is proposed that the YAS System Partnership Director for South Yorkshire attends JHOSC in a formal capacity twice per year to provide the committee with an overview of YAS delivery and key information. In addition, at the request of the committee, YAS will be able to attend any meeting as a partner to contribute to discussions on health and care as well as to provide expert views to inform committee members of the urgent and emergency care landscape.

For the remainder of 2023, YAS will be developing a new strategy for the next five years and would welcome views from the committee on a new strategy. In addition, YAS produces an annual quality report and at the appropriate attendance YAS will be able to present this to the committee and seek comments for the improvement of quality across South Yorkshire.

Recommendation

The committee are asked to note the report and discuss how YAS can better support the work of the committee.

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