

Greater Manchester Health Scrutiny Report

A meeting took place on Wednesday 11th January 2016.

Touched on an update of the financial plan to ensure best use of the £450M granted to GM.

The first allocation has been made towards mobilising Integrated Care models.

Other awards will be given within the next 2 years and routine updates will be made to the GMHSC

The Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue services spoke about their Community Risk Intervention Pilot. This operates 24/7 and is the GMFRS response to falls/cardiac arrests (heart attacks) and identifying where help is needed in response to 999 calls. This is due to increased collaboration between the North West Ambulance Service and the GMFRS. Interestingly this is the only Fire Service in the UK that is now responding to cardiac arrests.

Final presentation was from the NWS. Work is taking place to streamline this service where the Red Alert calls are steadily rising. Currently 48% of calls are classed as a Red Alert emergency up from 42% 4/5 years ago. Action is being taken to try and deal with all calls more efficiently and ensure that only the calls needing immediate and urgent medical care are taken to hospital. Currently 12.6% of calls received are dealt with on the phone by a Nurse Practitioner, 21.7% are taken to walk-in centres and 65.6% are taken to A&E. Their average turnaround time is 38 minutes This averages out at around sixty thousand people taken to hospital each month.

I was not happy with the response times for Trafford as compared to Manchester and Salford and will arrange to call the Ambulance Service in to the first meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee for 2017/2018 to explain.