

MINUTES OF ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE TASK GROUP

21 FEBRUARY 2023

PRESENT:

Members of the Task Group: Councillors Mrs Hassell, Roodhouse, Sandison and Willis

Officers: Tom Kittendorf (Chief Officer – Leisure and Wellbeing) and Veronika Beckova (Democratic Services Officer)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED THAT – Councillor Sandison be appointed Chair for the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence from the meeting was received from Councillor Mrs O'Rourke.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Roodhouse declared a non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being a Director of Healthwatch Warwickshire.

Councillor Willis declared a non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being a Lead Commissioner for Social Care at Warwickshire County Council.

4. PURPOSE OF THE TASK GROUP

The Task Group reviewed and agreed the one-page strategy subject to:

What should be considered?

Bullet point 3 being amended to read: "Improve our knowledge on access to local urgent health care for both within 'routine' hours and outside of normal hours. This should include mental health *crisis* provision and the waiting times for *primary care* and support services, including Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CAMHS)."

Bullet point 4 being amended to read: "Data on the numbers of people accessing hospital services via ambulance ~~acute services as the first point of contact~~ and the reasons why."

Who shall we consult?

Healthwatch Warwickshire and SWIFT being added to the list of consultees.

5. PROGRAMME OF WORK

Due to the scope, it was likely that the review would continue until 2024.

Call for evidence

The West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) was last scrutinised by Rugby Borough Council in 2021.

An invitation would be extended to WMAS to attend the next meeting of the Task Group to provide an overview of their current position, challenges faced and future plans together with the ambulance service's position in 2021 and 2022 to provide a baseline and data on ambulance response categories 1 and 2 and A&E walk ins.

Additionally, a list of specific questions would be formulated by the Task Group and submitted to WMAS in advance of the next meeting.

6. NEXT STEPS

The next meeting of the Task Group be held on Tuesday 23 May 2023 via Microsoft Teams.

CHAIR