

Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee

Date: 12 June 2023

Title: Emergency Care in North Tyneside – Task and Finish Group

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Service:

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

The Elected Mayor has asked the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee (as the Committee succeeding the former Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee) to consider establishing a Task and Finish Group to give effect to the Motion agreed by Council at its meeting on 16 March 2023.

2. Introduction

The Task and Finish Group will consider the following

- **Need:** Gain an understanding of the need for emergency care in North Tyneside – particularly the Public Health view of the needs of the population
- **The current offer and performance:** Gain an understanding of the current range of services and how they perform
- **Background:** Gain an understanding of the decisions made to reach this point

- **Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital:** The reasons for the original decision to develop and deliver the Hospital, how that has worked and how the model has been adjusted through experience
- **Battle Hill Walk In Centre:** The reasons for the original decision to establish the centre. How it performed and what changed
- **North Tyneside General Hospital:** On overview of the current offer at the Rake Lane site including input from the Director of Adult Social Care on the work done by the North Tyneside Council team alongside NHS colleagues at North Tyneside General Hospital. (Officers and Members may consider a site visit to be useful)
- **Community and patient voices:** Understand what is known about community views, and whether residents know how and where to access emergency care
- **What could be improved and how would that happen:** Understand and existing plans and develop recommendations on how need is met and how to respond to any community views

3. Details

- **Method**
It is proposed to hold two focused days of Scrutiny to consider the issue. There will be input required from local authority and NHS officers. There is potential for a site visit to North Tyneside General Hospital. Members will consider other input and material as they develop the Task and Finish Group.
- **Reporting**
The Task and Finish Group will report to the full Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee. Should the Committee agree, there will then be onward reporting to Cabinet.
- **Timescales**
The aim is to complete the study and reporting by the end of the calendar year.
- **Membership**
Open to all Members

4. Background Information

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5. Appendices

None