



Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board
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A&E Winter Pressures

Purpose of the report: Performance Management

Following the high level of demand on NHS A&E units across the country and its effect on performance, the Board requested a response from each of the county's acute hospital trusts regarding their performance against the winter pressures.

Introduction

1. The Chairman of the Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board sent a letter to the Chief Executives of all of the county's acute hospital trusts, requesting responses detailing their A&E performance against recent pressures faced over the winter period.

Questions

2. The letter sent to each of the acute trusts is attached at **annex 1**. It asked for responses to five key questions;
 - a) How did you work with partners in health and social care to manage the increased demand in A&E in December 2016 and January 2017?
 - b) What plans are in place in your area to manage such a spike in demand should it re-occur in 2017/18?
 - c) What, in your view, needs to be done to ensure that A&E is used appropriately in the future?
 - d) What are the risks to A&E performance in your area?
 - e) Do you have any suggestions as to what other partner agencies can/should be doing to alleviate the situation?

Responses

3. The responses received from each of the acute trusts are attached at **annex 2**.

Recommendations:

The Board are asked to note the responses from the acute trusts and acknowledge their performance whilst faced with increased demand over the winter period.

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Sources/background papers: