

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Trust HOSP Portsmouth update May 2013

Life guard station

This trial went well and has been identified as a useful location for ambulance resources although the ability to progress this on a longer, and more formal basis may be compromised as there has been the introduction of bollards in the area in which the vehicles park which have appeared without notice or explanation. It would be useful to understand the Councils policy or considerations for this area in the near future as we would prefer not to progress options that are inevitably short term.

Gosport Station

We are continuing to work with several stakeholders in establishing options within the Gosport area, including Hampshire Fire and Rescue, who we are working with at several sites across Hampshire. This will be a consideration as we progress; however, the Gosport Ambulance site will not be disposed of until we have a replacement as previously mentioned. This is ongoing and we have look at a further site on the A32 which may be able to house the rapid response units on a full time basis as previously discussed.

Other Standby Points

We have a small team continually looking in the key areas and we have some sites, again some of the identified sites are subject to an options appraisal at present to establish their suitability.

New South East Hampshire Resource Centre

We continue to progress and have formally completed the lease agreement. We have awarded the contract to a company 'Rolfe contractors Limited' who have commenced work on the project. Whilst this has been delayed the project team are working closely with the contractors in establishing a new completion date although the Autumn remains the target. However, we are keen to ensure the site is complete and has full functionality before we move our staff and commence operations.

Our team Leaders are now focusing on key elements of the operational delivery in line with the final design.

General Information

SCAS once again achieved on performance targets across the trust especially in the SE Hants area, and progress has continued to develop with our partners in offering alternative pathways for attending crews to ensure the most appropriate access for patients entering the health care system.

We have seen the formal introduction of the CCGs and we are working closely with the 3 key groups covering the South East Hampshire area and these relationships will continue as we progress into this new era.

Community Responders

We have established a new group in Portsmouth who will be working across the Portsea island – I will endeavour to provide a brief update at the next meeting, however, I don't directly manage these groups but will happily discuss with the appropriate teams internally and provide you with an update.