

Ambulance Working group meeting report 19 th November.

Further information from the above meeting in more detail.

1. Action Log :— — Each EMT was supposed to develop a Specialism in a particular area which once they felt competent in could then be assessed by a member of NWS training staff and verified before teaching other members of the crew eg use of radio equipment, but this has not happened. TC to carry this forward.

Previous EMTs that have been trained for AM but have left are to be approached to see if they would be interested in training for eCFR.

Healthwatch —- will offer support to the Community by way of becoming the liaison between NWS and AM. Will provide a phone number for residents to feedback information from posters , newsletters etc.....provided by NWS ( other media outlets of course will be used for those techno minded people)

NWS communicates with the AM CFR lead who then communicates with the CFR cohort. There is also information published on the CFR website.

2. Discussion about requesting a decision maker and a Board member to attend future meetings , went down like a lead balloon. This , we were told was a working group, to move forward not one to make decisions. Perhaps for another group. However some people possibly would be attending so seemed silly. So question again asked for .....and not answered.

Head of CCG Communications wanted to know what decision had been made at PC— — Explained the meeting with NWS was to be updated with their proposals for delivery of emergency care on AM.It is not for AMPC to make emergency care provision decisions it is for the CCG and NWS as they are responsible for the delivery of said care and hold the money.

The Rapid Response Vehicle ( RRV) now verified by CCG and NWS as the working future model, was part of the proposal by the EMTs . The CCG will,decide on the type/ spec/ branding / funding of the RRV . Blue light training was discussed and it may be possible to add this to eCFR role but only to be used to protect the scene of an accident and must be the removable type.

There is a glitch with NWS recruitment site due to firewall protection .NWS Communication Officer to review and form a one stop communication link to allow ease of communication both ways . So please don't give up if you've applied and not heard anything

It was asked of NWS and CCG if Alston could be treated as a special case where e CFRs reaching a level 4 could actually be paid in a similar way as EMTs now in order for people to come forward for training. There are 800 e CFRs that NWS have on the workforce and if they were all paid the NEAS would be bankrupt.

We will continue working on that one. !

Crossed wires re training :— — Apprenticeship course is 16 weeks classroom based with then a 14 month practical experience on an ambulance with a Paramedic. ( equivalent to a degree) Then can possibly work upto becoming a Paramedic

eCFR course is over 5 days plus internet module training and exams.

CFR training is 4 days

Apologies for any confusion.

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