

Attendees at the meeting below include:-NWAS , CCG ,Healthwatch Cumbria, Alston Moor. EMTs, AM Parish Councillor.

## Ambulance Working Group Meeting 17th December 2021 Report.

Action Log :— 1. Specialisms—Report from an EMT- ( TC )People have volunteered but do need to know what is entailed. NWAS s response was that the EMTs must decide for themselves and implement such. Radio workings and how to use the equipment in the Life pacs have been two of the suggestions made previously

2 NWAS are to award Commemorative Plaques to the EMTs in recognition of their work on the Moor.

3 Vehicle provision was discussed with Councillor Grew giving a statement of where the Parish Council sits in all this . I.E. the Council fully supports the recommendation of SAMS in that the provision of an Ambulance with suitable qualified staff to run it 24/7 is what is needed on the Moor. However they are not so naïve as to not consider something else for the future and in light of NWAS coming to see the Council in August saying both the ambulance and the EMTs were to go then the Vehicle as spoken about in a recent visit from NWAS was deemed a success.

The vehicle could be on the Moor from July 22. But Crews would need to be given up to date driver training for, an hour .

The specified vehicle will have an over ride 4 wheel drive capability The vehicle will be able to be kept at the Crews home. Finer details to be decided upon. Councillor Grew mentioned Radio calls and black spots in certain areas where no or little phone reception exists ie Garrigill and parts of Nenthead. Suggestion follow up by Engineers to look at those areas.

4. Following a request from last month of an Independent Chair the member from the Health watch Team present ( Manager)requested a meeting with NWAS North Cumbria Sector Manager( RS) to discuss the role and the need for ToR.

5. CFR Training and Recruitment :—it should be possible for those individuals whom are interested in taking up the voluntary role to apply using the one e mail address for Alston moor. However some were still not being contacted so the CFR Lead for AM will contact NWAS for them if they get in touch ( DM). Apparently 11 people have previously shown interest but only one has accepted the training. Has this been a result of bad publicity ? NWAS ( ME) to work with (DM) .CFRS working on the Moor already will be given the opportunity to upgrade to a eCFR with extra training. Volunteers can now train as e CFR unless they prefer to become a CFR.Both will be able to drive the new vehicle with training but not the ambulance. ( although some of these people off the Moor have been driving ambulances because of special conditions ie Covid).

NWAS to engage with Alston Moor Federation ( Cllr. Grew to contact Head after Christmas Holidays ) re engagement with students on First aid including CPR . Also need to communicate with Alston Moor re information as to what's happening, and why ,with our Emergency Services. Can provide CPR refresher courses. NWAS want to encourage people to volunteer and are happy to attend any Events taking place , just Ned to provide a when and where option.

Questions and Answers :—? More EMTs trained —No ,the training now is 18 months full time . / Paramedic —No, Not enough work for a Paramedic to do ( despite a suggestion that they could come here to the Moor to catch up on paperwork whilst being on call for the day) /Model of vehicle replacement agreed ?No, it is now only a Proposal./ Outsourcing an ambulance —NO. CCG replied that it would become part of North Cumbria Emergency Services not just for Alston as with ST Johns Chapel. / A query was raised re pay structure . If pay is not increased for the EMTs then they will not work as some are already doing a 2nd and even a 3rd job to make ends meet. AM had originally 18 EMTs being paid a total of £17,500 , so now there are less EMTs there is £11,000+ spare , so could this not be used to enhance their salary ? AM should be treated as an exceptional circumstance . ( NWAS R.S. And G.Q. T look at this.

EMTs raised a few other issues eg. Lack of communication with NWS re Mandatory Training. No access to ESR in order to do Mandatory Training. NWS Trust Lap Top required to be held at the Hospital for contact and Log In for shifts. R.S. to see that one is provided for the Crew.

Alston Moor Model now a Proposal .

Next meeting January

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