

Review of 2017/18 & looking forwards

Daren Mochrie QAM, Chief Executive

Aspiring to be better today and even better tomorrow

Who we are and what we do

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SECAmb):

- Was formed in 2006 following the merger of three legacy ambulance services
- Became a Foundation Trust in 2011
- Serves a population of c. 5 million & covers an area of 3,600 square miles across Kent, Surrey, Sussex and parts of NE Hampshire
- Responds to 999 calls from the public & other healthcare professionals
- Provides the NHS 111 urgent advice service in Surrey, Sussex and parts of Kent (in partnership with Care UK)





15 million miles covered per year responding to patients



Contact and Emergency Operations Centres

999 🔏



Handling in the region of **1 million 999 calls** (per year) Handling in the region of 1.1 million 111 calls (per year)

Our Executive Team







Joe Garcia Executive Director of Operations

David Hammond Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services



Dr Fionna Moore Executive Medical Director



Bethan Haskins Executive Director of Nursing and Quality



Steve Emerton Executive Director of Strategy and Business Development



Ed Griffin Executive Director of HR and Organisational Development

Our Area





- 22 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs),
- 12 Acute Hospital Trusts
- 4 Specialist & Mental Health Trusts
- Kent, Sussex and Surrey Air Ambulance
- Our 'blue light' partners 3 police forces, 4 Fire & Rescue Services
- 6 County Councils/Unitary Authorities







Our Structure



Our People







Who Does What?

Staff directly engaged in responding to patients





Length of Service

Up to five years	54%
Six to 10 years	
11 to 20 years	24%
21 to 30 years	8%
31 to 39 years	1%



Our Volunteers

South East Coast Ambulance Service



- We are privileged to have the support of 488 volunteers within our Trust.
 - 406 Community First Responders
 - 30 Chaplains
 - Up to 25 Governors
 - 27 Foundation Trust members on our Inclusion Hub Advisory Group
- From frontline support through to holding our Board to account, our volunteers provide support to the Trust through a variety of roles. We recognise that better supporting some of our volunteers is part of our improvement journey.



During 2017/18:

- We received & responded to 759,741 999 calls in our two Emergency Operations Centres (EOCs) – up 10% on the previous year
- Following the move to new national performance standards in November 2017 to date, we:
 - Responded to Category 1 (the most seriously ill/injured) patients in an average time of 7 mins & 58 secs
 - Responded to Category 2 patients in an average time of 17 mins
 & 53 secs
 - Responded to 90% of Category 3 patients in 3 hours & 9 mins
 - Responded to 90% of Category 4 patients in 4 hours and 45 mins
- We answered & responded to 1,134,938 NHS 111 calls with our partners in Care UK







During 2017/18:

- Clinical performance:
 - The time to get heart attack and stroke patients to specialist care was above the national average
 - The effectiveness of stroke care was very close to the national average
 - Plans are in place to improve the effectiveness of care for heart attack patients and increase the number of survivors after cardiac arrest
- Our income was £214m and we reported a surplus of £1.3m at year end
- We delivered cost improvements of £15m to re-invest in front-line services
- We ended the year with a total membership of 13,118 down slightly on the previous year





A number of challenges...

- Recruitment & retention
- Meeting response time targets, especially for lower acuity patients
- 999 call answer performance
- Building a substantive leadership team
- Publication of CQC report & the Trust remaining in Special Measures
- Building a new culture with our staff
- Capacity to deliver required recovery at pace
- System pressures, including hospital handover delays
- Ageing fleet profile







... but also some real achievements

- Reached our most seriously ill patients quicker
- Safely moved two EOCs (Emergency Operations Centres) & HQ into a new facility
- Better patient experience through reduced hospital handovers
- Introduced a new dispatch system in the EOCs, including 16,000 hours of staff training to ensure safe transition
- Invested in our fleet to provide extra ambulances
- Supported staff and in turn patients by creating a new Wellbeing Hub
- Created new patient pathways with our partners
- Increased low-harm reporting, becoming more open & transparent
- Provided front-line staff with iPADs enabling better access to information & communication





Looking forwards

- Working to 'right size' our service for our patients, following the conclusion of the Demand & Capacity Review:
 - Ensuring we have enough staff in the roles needed
 - Ensuring we have the right numbers and types of vehicles
- Continuously improving the quality of the services we provide following publication of the CQC report
- Building a new culture for the Trust, with our staff and volunteers, that is inclusive, attractive, effective and safe
- Improving our response to lower acuity patients finding different ways to meet their needs
- Ensuring we continue to learn from our patients and their experiences to improve the services we provide
- Working with our partners, in the NHS and outside, to find solutions to growing and changing demand







Thank you



