

MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council



Ambulance Response Times

It has recently been reported that the South West has some of the longest ambulance waiting times in the country for emergency calls - a typical response taking nearly 15 minutes longer than in the North West, the second worst performing region.

This is a matter of enormous concern to people living here in Plymouth, calling 999 in an emergency in the expectation of receiving timely help is a cornerstone of our NHS and we must not tolerate a sustained deterioration in this vital lifeline.

Accordingly this council requests:

1. The Chair of the Health & Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee ensures that the performance of South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT) is included in any upcoming scrutiny review of health services within Plymouth
2. The Chair of the Health & Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee writes immediately to the city's three MPs and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to inform them of the seriousness of the situation
3. Members formally acknowledge the dedication of the staff of SWASFT whose professionalism will have saved countless lives over the years. This motion is not intended as a criticism of these selfless people who work day and night to care for the residents of Plymouth

Proposed by: Councillor Jemima Laing

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