

The London Ambulance Service NHS Trust

NWL JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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London Ambulance Service - West & Northwest Sectors



Our purpose

The London Ambulance Service (LAS) is here to care for people in London: saving lives; providing care; and making sure they get the help they need.

Our values

In everything we do, we will provide:

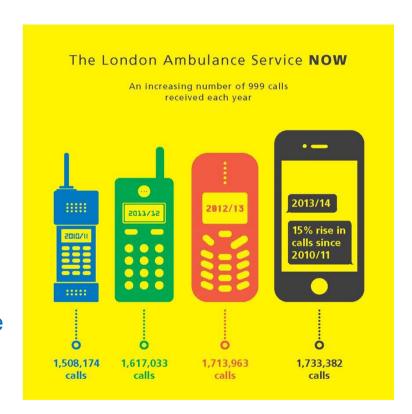
Care: Helping people when they need us; treating people with compassion, dignity and respect; having pride in our work and our organisation.

Clinical excellence: Giving our patients the best possible care; leading and sharing best clinical practice; using staff and patient feedback and experience to improve our care.

Commitment: Setting high standards and delivering against them; supporting our staff to grow, develop and thrive; Learning and growing to deliver continual improvement.

The Service today

- Demand for our services increase year on year. In 2014/15 we received over 1.7m requests.
- Our operating budget is £316m
- 5,000 staff, 71 per cent are frontline
- Frontline staff work out of 70 ambulance stations
- Service transformation, including a management restructure of our frontline
- Retention has been challenging with opportunities for paramedics in and outside the NHS have increased dramatically
- Focus on international and national recruitment drives





How we care for the capital

Our major service areas:

- Call taking and clinical triage
- Hear and treat services
- 999 emergency and urgent care response delivered using traditional and innovative means e.g. Cycle Response Unit
- Intelligent conveyance
- 111 Services
- Emergency Preparedness Resilience and Response (EPRR)

Emergency services across the world regularly visit us to learn how we operate in the capital city and how we have innovated



CQUINs 2015/16

The contract includes nine CQUIN (Commissioning for Quality and Innovation) schemes. CQUINS are a contractual requirement for NHS providers and offer a financial incentive to innovative development of services to continually improve how care is delivered.

The CQUIN schemes for this year are:

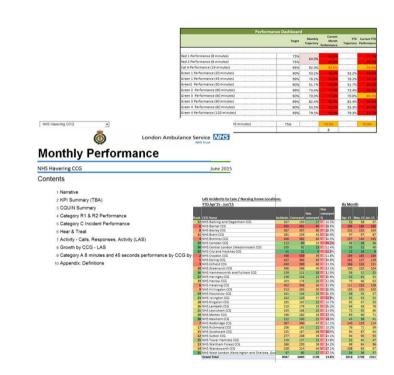
- Improving reporting and use of patient information
- Promoting use of appropriate care pathways (ACPs)
- Sepsis management
- Development of clinical team leaders (CTLs)
- Improvement of mental health outcomes
- Dementia and delirium
- Frequent calling patients
- Health care professional (HCP) line pilot
- Reducing unnecessary conveyances to A&E



Our reports

We produce a suite of reports as a requirement of the commissioning contract, which include:

- Performance dashboard
- CCG Pack
- GP Report
- Care and nursing homes report
- Referral pathways report
- Safeguarding Report
- SI Report
- Quality Dashboard
- Emergency Bed Service (EBS)





Our financial challenges

- NHS nationally has major financial challenges
- This year our financial position is stressed
- Our income is dependent on performance
- Until we have the right number of people on the road, we are spending money on private ambulances and overtime
- Make sure we get value for money. Take care of equipment and vehicles

Our three major challenges

Staffing

 We know we need to improve the morale of our staff as well as increasing staff numbers.

Demand

 We know there are ever increasing demands on our service and we will need to continue to find new and innovative ways of manage demand.

Culture

 We know we need to change the culture and management style of the organisation which is evidenced by staff feedback and external surveys.

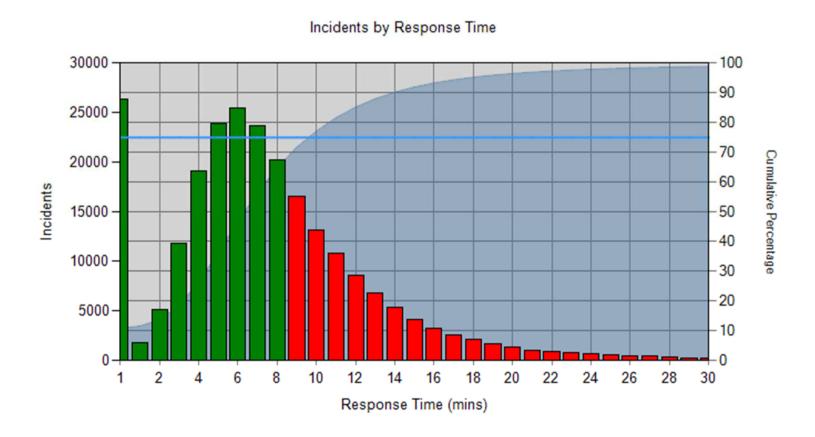
A better place to work.....

- Filtering calls more Hear and Treat than ever before
- Recruitment all frontline vacancies filled (bar five per cent for overtime) and 500 band six senior paramedics
- Launch of LAS Academy
- Clinical Team leaders 50/50
- Continuing with VIP Awards
- Seasonal alcohol campaign with the Met Police and LFB

Update on Key LAS Challenges:

- Response Performance:
 - Improvement Programme
- Recruitment
 - Then and Now
- Hospital Handover

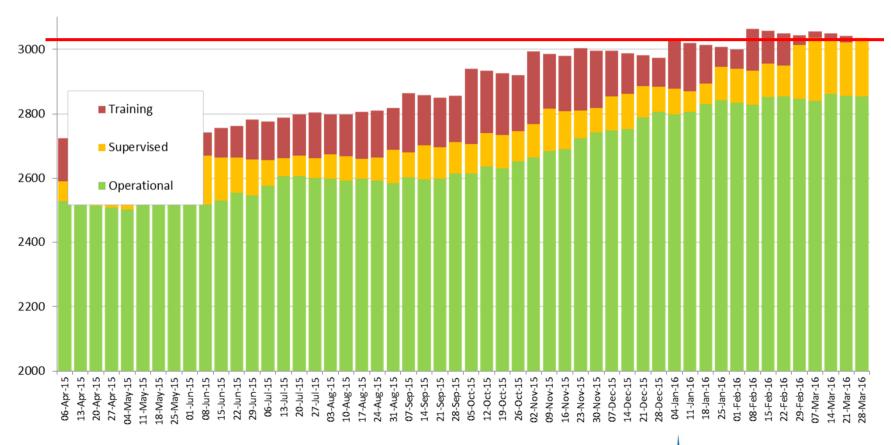
Response Performance



Improvement Programme – Summary Dashboard

Project	Description	Baseline	Final Target	Final Target Date
Job Cycle Time	Reducing the average job cycle time (minutes)	107	101	31/03/2016
FRU Performance	Increase the Fast Response Unit capacity (average produced hours per week)	11260	15600	30/09/2015
Non Emergency Transport	Increasing journeys using of non emergency transport options	0	1568	01/01/2016
Taxi	Increasing the number of clinically appropriate taxi journeys	200	300	01/04/2015
Advert to Action	Increasing the LAS in-post, operational staff to an agreed establishment	2704	3004	31/03/2016
Improving Attendance	Reduction of absences related to sickness for frontline staff	9.8%	5.9%	01/01/2016
Out of Service (People)	Reducing out of service hours relating to people	3.7%	2.6%	31/03/2016
Out of Service (Vehicle)	Reducing out of service hours relating to vehicles	2.4%	1.7%	31/03/2016

2015/16 operational staff trajectory



Frontline recruitment challenge

Redesigned process for recruitment, training and supervision to get staff to the frontline as safely and quickly as possible. We have:

- Increased the university places
- Media campaign with redesigned materials: three international recruitment trips
- Worked with the HCPC to redesign the processes for paramedics onto the professional register
- Worked with HEE to get Paramedics onto the Shortage Occupation Group list
- Created the LAS Academy

Hospital Handover

- Working closely with Emergency Department leads
- Process map of handover process and barriers
- Intelligent Conveyance

Local Initiatives

- Standardised Referral Pathways
 - Fallers
 - Rapid Response Teams
 - Urgent Care Centres
- Mental Health & obstetric CPD sessions
- End of Life Care

Thank you ... any questions?