



EPRR Statement of Compliance – 2016/17

The NHS needs to plan for, and respond to, a wide range of incidents and emergencies that could affect health or patient care. These could be anything from extreme weather conditions to an outbreak of an infectious disease or a major transport accident. The Civil Contingencies Act (2004) requires NHS organisations, and providers of NHS-funded care, to show that they can deal with such incidents while maintaining services.

NHS England has published NHS core standards for Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response arrangements. These are the minimum standards which NHS organisations and providers of NHS funded care must meet. The Accountable Emergency Officer in each organisation is responsible for making sure these standards are met.

As part of the national EPRR assurance process for 2016/17, South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust has been required to assess itself against these core standards. The outcome of this self-assessment shows that against the core standards which are applicable to the organisation, South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust is not fully compliant with 13 of the core standards. These core standards are grouped under the following headings:

- Ops 999 All core standards fully compliant (green)
- PTS 4 core standards partially compliant (amber)
- NHS 111 3 core standards partially compliant (amber)
- HART 5 core standards partially compliant (amber)
- MTFA 1 core standard partially compliant (amber)

The attached improvement plan sets out actions against all core standards where full compliance is not achieved and documents the steps needed to achieve compliance.

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