

Evaluation of the Scottish Ambulance Service Front Loaded Model (FLM)

Terms of Reference

1. To assess the evidence of the clinical effectiveness and safety of the Front Loaded Model including its risks and benefits.
2. To describe and understand the Front Loaded Model as described in the Department of Health guidance.
3. To describe and understand the Front Loaded Model as implemented by Scottish Ambulance Service as at beginning of June 2008, including the clinical and corporate governance processes within SAS relevant to the implementation of the Front Loaded Model *.
4. To scope, as far as possible within the timescale, the changes and adaptations, including those planned by Scottish Ambulance Service, that might be made to the Front Loaded Model to increase its effectiveness, safety and sustainability.

* This will take account of the on-going clinical governance developments.

Reference Group – to meet twice (w/s 21 July and w/s 18 August) and to include Scottish Government Health Department, Scottish Ambulance Service clinicians (inc paramedics), public partner(s), patient group; to provide advice on gaps in the evidence, relevant contacts, review draft report etc.

Status of Report - NHS Quality Improvement Scotland report to Chief Medical Officer for Scotland.

Timescale – report completed by Friday 29 August; may identify need for further work.

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