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## Health Scrutiny Committee

9 October 2006

### Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

## Yorkshire Ambulance Service Community Responders Service

### Summary

1. This report is to inform members about the Community Responders scheme run by Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

### Background

2. Community responders are people who can be called by the ambulance service to attend medical emergencies in their local community before the ambulance arrives.
3. Generally they are sent to cardiac arrests, unconscious patients and choking, but they may also be asked to attend less serious cases to provide support and reassurance until the arrival of an ambulance. In no way are they a replacement for the ambulance as this is dispatched at the same time as the community responder is called out.
4. At present the only area within City of York's boundary to have a Community Responder team is Bishopthorpe.
5. Bob Rose of Yorkshire Ambulance Service will attend the meeting to discuss the Community Responders service with members and to answer any questions they may have.

### Options

6. Members may wish to know if there are plans to extend the service to other parts of York and to receive further updates in the future.

### Analysis

7. Members may wish to consider if the service might benefit the citizens of York and if so how it can be promoted.

## Implications

8. There are no known Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT or other implications at this stage.

## Risk Management

9. In compliance with the Councils risk management strategy. There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

## Recommendations

10. Members are asked to receive the information provided by Bob Rose and consider and further updates they may wish to have in the future.

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## Annexes

None

## Background Papers

Community Responders Scheme

<http://www.tenyas.org.uk/Information/1stRespondinfo.htm#whatis>