

Is there value in MERIT?

- 10:00** **Coffee**
- 10:30** **Welcome and Introduction – Prof Sir Keith Porter**
- History of MERIT from Emergency Planning
 - Current models, concepts and progress across UK
 - Trauma Network need for MERIT
- 11:00** **Costs – Mark Docherty (30mins +15 mins questions)**
- Ambulance finances within wider NHS
 - Minimising cost of a fully integrated MERIT
 - Looking beyond the ambulance budget – commissioners’ roles
 - Seeing the return on the investment to wider NHS
- 11:45** **Staffing – Steve Wheaton (30mins +15 mins questions)**
- MERIT staffing models
 - Employing doctors by ambulance trusts / PHEM
 - The role and support of CCPs
 - Ambulance ‘ownership’ of MERIT
 - Engaging with charities
- 12:30** **Lunch**
- 13:15** **SOPs and Governance – CCP TBA (30mins +15 mins questions)**
- Governance structure (MERIT, ICGC)
 - Accountability to ambulance service
 - Reliability of team with high performing SOPs
- 14:00** **Future of MERIT as a national concept and the role of BASICS – Professor Sir Keith Porter (30mins +15 mins questions)**
- 14:45** **The added value - Nick Crombie (30mins +15 mins questions)**
- Total cost offset against trauma desk, interception and transfer models, research, training future staff, test-bed for innovation, integration with the networks
- 15:30** **Discussion and Questions for the panel**
- 16:00** **Close**