



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

# **HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ADDENDUM**

**4.00PM, WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2017**

**HOVE TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER - HOVE TOWN HALL**



## **ADDENDUM**

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## **1 Public Question from Linda Miller**

What data is HOSC keeping?

Do you have accurate data for:

- A&E waiting times?
- 62-day target of being seen for cancer?
- 18-week target for surgery?
- How many hospital beds per 1000 in Brighton and Hove?
- How many beds per 1000 for mental health patients?
- The current population of Brighton and Hove?
- How much was the CCG budget for 2016-17? How much is the budget for 2017-18?

The CCG, via their Big Conversation events, claim to be improving A&E, cancer care and mental health. We need to know that accurate records are being kept, that every 3 months this data will be compared with the previous period, and whether the services are improving or getting worse will be published.

If the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee isn't keeping accurate records how will we know if things are improving or getting worse? How will HOSC hold the CCG to account?

## **2 Public Question from Christopher Tredgold**

At the last HOSC meeting it was stated that the eight Brighton and Hove GP practices that had by then closed were mostly small ones and that it was the total number of General Practitioners, rather than the number of practices, that was important.

I think both are important. Patients, especially as they get older, don't want to travel a long distance to see their GP.

As for total numbers, the CCG has told me that Brighton and Hove have only 1 Full Time Equivalent GP per 2300 patients against a national average of 1 per 1800/1900.

I would like to know if and how this shortage impacts on the quality of care GP in Brighton and Hove is providing and how that is measured?

### **3 Public Question from Tony Graham**

In the Council's Policy, Resources & Growth Committee Minutes (from 12th Oct 17, Agenda Item 48, Section 6.15) reference is made to Health & Social Care Integration Plans supporting... *'all our key principles; Public accountability, Citizen focussed, Increasing equality and Active citizenship (sic)'*. Later on, Appendix 3 of this Agenda Item referring to the 'Cross Party Health and Social Care Integration Working Group' includes the following:

*"Papers and minutes of each meeting will be issued within seven days before subsequent meetings and will be confidential; Members will decide at the end of the meeting those items which may be discussed more widely."*

In the light of the Council's key principles, will HOSC commit to securing the removal of the confidentiality requirement drawn up for the Cross Party Health and Social Care Integration Working Group? If not, please will HOSC explain why exactly such secrecy is seen as necessary?

### **4 Public Question from Valerie Mainstone**

"Will the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee please scrutinise the Patient Transport Service with all possible speed?

My personal experiences (which have been circulated to members separately) demonstrate that PTS is close to breakdown, and that its management is lamentable. Valuable human and material resources are being wasted at huge public expense every day, while PTS staff and patients are completely frustrated."

## **28(b) Written Questions from Members**

A question has been received from Cllr Louisa Greenbaum:

“Having noted the CCG’s response to HOSC questions about STP project costs (point 13.1 in the minutes to the 06 September 2017 HOSC meeting), I would like to know more about these costs. Specifically:

- How do these costs compare with those of comparably-sized STPs?
- What specifically have the contracts been awarded for, i.e. what was the brief?
- And are the consultants’ reports publicly available?”

