

# **HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ADDENDUM**

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**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

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## **Item 4: Public Questions**

### **4(a) Question from Jo**

How does Southdown redesign of services demonstrate empowering mental health service user voices when their feedback and complaint portal is designed too small to hold complaints and AI is used to change the meaning of complaints into inaccurate versions of those complaints?

### **4(b) Question from Mr Gary Vallier**

The independent NHS investigation into WellBN has now identified actual and potential harm arising from prescribing practices affecting children and young people in Brighton. For many months HOSC declined to pursue questions about local safeguarding arrangements on the basis that an investigation was underway.

Now that the report has been published, what specific scrutiny activity will HOSC undertake to examine the wider system issues identified, including relationships between schools, youth services, primary care and specialist gender services?



## **Item 5: Member Engagement**

### **Letter from Cllr Mitchie Alexander**

Dear Chair and Committee of HOSC.

I have been having various conversations recently with advocate groups for people with learning disabilities and autism and also direct conversations with people with learning disabilities and/or autism.

They tell me that they find the waiting area in A&E very, very difficult due to their autism and in fact one man told me that he avoided going to A&E because he couldn't face the busy waiting room and in the end his medical condition got suddenly worse, due to the fact that his issue couldn't be dealt with when it first arose.

Can the chair and the committee members ask UHSx to please include within the designs of the new A&E, at least one 'quiet, autism friendly' room. Where someone with certain needs, such as a learning disability or autism can wait to be assessed.

The impact of being very unwell and/or in a lot of pain is extremely heightened for a person with learning disabilities and/or autism and this could be better managed by having a quiet space available to them, whilst they wait for an assessment.

The redesign of the A&E department is the perfect opportunity to consider persons in our city with complex needs and how the area can include provision in the future for those with more complex needs, so that their wait for assessment can be more manageable for them and their carers and indeed for the other people waiting in the communal area for medical assessments.

Best Regards

Cllr Mitchie Alexander

(Cabinet Member for Communities, Equalities, Public Health and Adult Social Care)

