

Public Question from Linda Miller

Clinically effective commissioning

When the 39 treatments under review were announced to the HOSC (February 2018) the CCG informed us:

- 1) that our CCG together with the four other CCGs in Sussex East Surrey have compiled the list,
- 2) that the changes are not “substantial” so do not trigger HOSC discussion and public consultation, and
- 3) the aim is to reduce spending.

My question is:

- 1) We have a National Health Service and the public expect the treatment available to be based on national, evidence-based guidelines. Please could the HOSC ask the CCG to inform us what the NICE guidelines are for each of the 39 treatments under review.
- 2) Please could you define “substantial”: how exactly is the CCG planning to alter, for example, the treatment people with cataracts might receive? Please could you ask the CCG to inform us, for all 39 procedures, exactly what changes are being proposed.
- 3) Brighton and Hove CCG intends to cut £14 million from its spending in 2018/19⁽¹⁾. Once we have the NICE guidelines and the details of the changes being proposed, if this committee finds that people in Brighton and Hove are being offered an inferior standard of care based on local, financially motivated decisions, what powers does this HOSC have to challenge those decisions?

⁽¹⁾ Alliance Update, June 2018

