

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed for questions submitted by a member of the public who either lives or works in the area of the authority at each ordinary meeting of the Board.

Every question shall be put and answered without discussion by the Chair. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion.

The following written questions have been received from members of the public.

1. Question from John Kapp - Asset Based Approach to Social Care and Health

“In the public answer to my question to the HWB on 28.7.20, you said: ‘pharmacological interventions are often only part of an effective treatment program’, but the evidence of Dr A.Cipriani’s systemic review and meta analysis of 21 antidepressants published on 21.2.18 showed that they are no more effective than placebos, and have serious side effects, including suicide and addiction. Furthermore, NICE guidance was issued on pain killers issued on 3.8.20, which was reported in the Daily Express: ‘Pain killers do more harm than good’, and Stains do not curb heart disease’, so do you agree that the HWB should hold the CCG to account to decommission these harmful drug interventions, and mass-commission mindfulness based talking therapies instead, so that GPs can socially prescribe them so that all patients for whom they are clinically appropriate can be treated with them within the 18 week access standards? “

2 Question from Valerie Mainstone – Re-organisation of Public Health England

“On 18 August, the re-organisation of Public Health England was described as "highly risky, and justification for the change has not been fully set out" by the Health Foundation, an independent charity committed to bringing about better health and health care for people in the UK.

How will these changes affect Public Health here in Brighton & Hove. given the depth of local knowledge, the length of experience, and the professional expertise of our own Public Health Department?”

