

Brighton & Hove City Council

Council

Agenda Item 75

Subject: Royal Sussex County Hospital Accident & Emergency Department

Date of meeting: 30 January 2025

Proposer: Councillor Raphael Hill
Seconded: Councillor Sue Shanks

Ward(s) affected: All

Notice of Motion

Green Group Amendment

That deletions are made as shown with ~~strikethrough~~ below and additional recommendations are added as shown in ***bold italics*** below:

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