

JOINT NOTICE OF MOTION**GREEN GROUP
LABOUR AND CO-OPERATIVE GROUP****COMMUNITY PHARMACY SUPPORT**

This Council believes that the Government's plans to reduce funding for community pharmacies threaten patient access to pharmacies and pharmacy services in Brighton and Hove.

Our local pharmacies are at risk of closure or being forced to cut services such as free delivery of prescription drugs, family planning advice and advice on medicines.

This will put more pressure on GPs and hospitals and impact social services and is at odds with the local Clinical Commissioning Group's desire to increase the use of pharmacists to ease pressure on GPs.

We therefore call on the Government to abandon these cuts and maintain a fully-funded community pharmacy service and request the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Health, NHS England and Brighton and Hove Clinical Commissioning Group expressing this view.

Proposed by: Cllr Dick Page

Seconded by: Cllr Daniel Yates

Supported by: Green Group of Councillors
Labour and Co-operative Group of Councillors

Supporting information:

In December 2015 the Department of Health indicated an intention to reduce funding for community pharmacies.

Response from LGA http://www.local.gov.uk/media-releases/-/journal_content/56/10180/7742497/NEWS

Support Your Local Pharmacy Campaign <http://supportyourlocalpharmacy.org/>

Value of Community Pharmacy summary report <http://psnc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/The-value-of-community-pharmacy-summary-report.pdf>

