



HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD ADDENDUM

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ADDENDUM

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(A) WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following written questions have been received for the Health & Wellbeing Board meeting to be held on the 22nd November, 2016:

PQ 1. Madeline Dickins

“What is the HWB view of the fact that NHS Improvement is now working with two of the city’s NHS Trusts in special measures? How do these processes relate to the content of the STP which the regional Board is required to submit to NHS England? What information does the HWB have about the time-table for submission of the STP? “

PQ 2. Athene Crouch

“Why, when there are two high-ranking local authority members on the STP board, has no information about the plan been made available to the council?”

PQ 3. Neil Younger

“Given its commitment to addressing health inequality in the city, how does the HWB explain the £1million cut in the budget of CYPS which has resulted in the closure of the Family Nurse Partnership and a reduction in the numbers of health visitors by 10%? These are key services mainly targeted at the most deprived and vulnerable in our city and should be seen as the cornerstone of any healthcare provision.”

PQ 4 Valerie Mainstone

“I am pleased to see that the Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust are the preferred bidder for the Children's Public Health Nursing (0 - 19) contract. I am also aware that the Public Health Team's recommendations about the contract are coming to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 22 November (today.)



However, I am concerned that there has been no response to the second aspect of the petition concerning Children's Services that was presented to the last meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board - the fact that more than two thousand Brighton and Hove residents wanted the decision to cut the budget for this contract by £1million (19%)to be overturned?

My question is, given the Health and Wellbeing Board's and Council's stated commitment to reducing health inequalities and giving every child the best start in life, what will the Health and Wellbeing Board do to rescind this budget cut?"

PQ 5 Mr Kapp

“When are you going to do your duty under your terms of reference and call the CCG to account to improve the procurement system following the Coperforma debacle?”

Notes to this question:

- 1 The HWB terms of reference were adopted by the Council in May 2014 (reproduced in appendix 1 of paper 9.97 of www.reginaldkapp.org) and say 3 times that the HWB's duty is 'to call the CCG to account.'
- 2 The written answer to my public question at the last HWB meeting on 20.9.16 was in denial of your above mentioned duty, as it said; 'The HWB is in no way responsible for the CCG.'
- 3 I have written many papers (reproduced on the above website) pointing out that Parliament intended that the HWB and CCG should work together as a hierarchical team, with the CCG being the executive arm of the HWB.



(B) DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following deputation has been received for the Health & Wellbeing Board meeting to be held on the 22nd November, 2016:

Dr Carl Walker

Findings from the 2nd Brighton Citizens Health Services Research

- I would like to thank the board for the opportunity to feedback the findings of this project.
- The second Brighton Citizen's Health Services Survey (BCHSS) has been developed using a distinctive approach to survey design that is aligned to public consultation, participation and critique rather than toward the more typical production of a validated instrument and knowledge form.
- Almost 700 residents of Brighton and Hove responded to a survey based on key current and upcoming commissioning issues.
- This survey was split into three broad areas
 - topical commissioning concerns like the Sustainability and Transformation Plan and the Patient Transport Service
 - whether people feel they have a say in their health services
 - future commissioning

The key findings were as follows-

1. 96% of residents think that local councillors and the CCG should put together an immediate strategy to guarantee no more GP surgery closures across the city.
2. In terms of whether the difficulty of getting a GP appointment has changed in the last year, 50% of residents say it is more difficult or much more difficult, 45% say no change and 3% believe it has become easier.



3. 90% of residents report that they have *never* been consulted by the local CCG on any of the local NHS changes they have carried out in the last 3 years. 7% of residents could not remember, 3% said that they had.
4. 83.1% of people believe they have *no say at all* in the way their local NHS services are run and commissioned. 15.2% have *a little say* and 0% believe that they are *fully informed and consulted*.
5. 96.6% of residents preferred the NHS public health nursing services to stay in the NHS.
6. 97% of residents believe that Brighton and Hove CCG should *not* spend money moving NHS contracts into the private sector.

The upcoming sustainability and transformation plan will become a significant local issue, in particular with respect to public accountability. Kieran Walshe, Professor of health policy and management at Manchester Business School, in [an article in the HSJ](#), noted that we have entered “a shadowy era of extra-legislative reform where it is getting difficult to work out where accountability lies, who’s in charge, and whether organisations are doing their job properly....For NHS boards, there is a potential conflict between their statutory duties as a board and an organisation, and some of these changes which require them to cede autonomy and authority to new organisational forms (like STPs) which have no formal existence.”

Regarding public accountability, the secrecy surrounding the drawing up of STPs has been a major national concern. Despite requests from various organisations, the STPs have largely remained secret. Recently, both Birmingham & Solihull and Camden released their plans against the instructions of NHS England. Explaining the decision to publish, Islington Council leader Richard Watts said: “*These are not transformation plans – they are not going to put prevention at the heart of health service. They feel much more like a way of making short term budgetary savings rather than any meaningful way of transforming services.*” Little or no public consultation has taken place on the plans and even [GP leaders](#), who will be directly affected by the plans, have reported that they are being excluded from discussions.

7. In relation to the local Sustainability and Transformation Plan, 90% of people believe that large scale cuts to the NHS should be subject to *wide* public consultation before they are made.
8. 97% of residents disagree with STP cuts in principle.
9. 93.5% of residents support their local councillors actively campaigning against impending STP cuts.



10. 95% of residents believe that the privatisation of patient transport services should not have been allowed to happen

11. 74% of residents believe that the commissioners who agreed the contract should also have been part of the investigation as to what went wrong

12. In terms of health service contracts that are planned between now and 1st June 2017-

- 93% of residents did not know about the wellbeing service and 93% would prefer the contract go to the NHS
- 96.4% of residents did not know about the anti-coagulation service and 93% would prefer the contract to go to the NHS
- 91% of residents did not know about the integrated urgent care and GP out of hours and 96% would prefer the contract to go to the NHS
- 97% of residents did not know about the commissioning support unit services and 93% would prefer the contract to go to the NHS

We also have a wealth of qualitative data and in the form of comments from local people should anyone on the HWB want the further data.

There were four key conclusions-

1. As with the results of the first survey, this deputation shows that the public in Brighton and Hove hold clear and compelling values on the way that they want their health services to be commissioned.
2. In the city of Brighton & Hove, a vast majority of the public are against the use of private companies in the local health economy and very concerned about some recent decisions that have been made to commission private companies to undertake certain services.
3. Despite the extremely tight timetable for STP implementation, the results suggest a need to publish the detailed plan for full public consultation as soon as possible.
4. The survey team welcome the awarding of the contract for children's community services to the NHS, in line with the wishes of a very significant majority of the public.

We hope that commissioners and councillors find these conclusions of use. Our team at the University remain willing to support commissioners and councillors during what may prove to be a very challenging commissioning context.



