

Member Question(s)

- 1.1 One Member Question has been received from Councillor Nield in the following terms:

Councillor Sarah Nield

“I have been contacted, as I think all Members have, by a resident who wants to know why as a transgender man he is having to wait for years to access hormone treatment in Brighton and Hove. His mental health is suffering as he waits.

He says:

“Brighton is a beacon of hope for transgender people across the UK in terms of social acceptance, but this doesn't appear to be reflected in the NHS services provided. We need hormone treatment provided in a reasonable timescale. “

I was very interested to see this same issue raised in the Local Response to the NHS Long Term Plan:

4.2.6 Local priorities: trans locally commissioned service in primary care

Responding to issues raised by our population there is a recognised gap and level of need in services for supporting our transgender population. An audit of local GP practices showed there were significant difficulties for transgender and non-binary patients such as long waits to receive prescribed hormone treatment. Brighton & Hove CCG are developing initial service costing and plans to initiate a three-year pilot service to fill this gap and improve the services for this population cohort. If we succeed, we would be proud to be the first CCG to do this in the country.

I would very much like to know more about these plans: particularly how soon we can expect this pilot to begin, and what will be its scale and scope?”

