



## WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following written question has been received from Nick McMaster  
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### **In Regards to Item 33. Outcome from the Adult Drug and Alcohol Recovery Procurement Process**

It has been established that there were no legal requirements to put these services out to tender. It has been established that the new provider of the mental health and substance misuse pathway did not need to be an NHS health trust. Effectively privatising these services, decommissioning them from an established and confident local NHS provider appears a risky proposition with little impact assessment on the local health economy. With the public generally having an emotional and practical attachment to their local NHS services, why did you and your officers not consider trying to build on that local provision instead?