



## WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following written questions for the Health & Wellbeing Board meeting to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 have been received:

### Public Questions for the Health & Wellbeing Board

(i) **Ms. Madeleine Dickens**

“Does the HWB share the serious concerns the LGA has presented to NHS England and Jeremy Hunt about the impact on local governance, accountability and democracy the Sustainability and Transformation Plan presents? How does the Brighton and Hove HWB propose to deal with these concerns?”

Relevant link -

<http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/5572443/STP+process+and+LG+involvement+-+Slides+April+2016.pdf/f39cd0a7-286c-4fa0-b9c8-83680fef576d>

“The pace of implementation of STP undermines local ownership and squeezes local government or community engagement  
 STP shows a lack of democratic accountability  
 STP erodes the role of HWBs  
 Chosen footprints override devolution or LG transformation boundaries.”

(ii) **Mr. Michael Foulkes**

“I am sure you agree that good early years’ provision is crucial in providing children the best start in life. In the light of this I am concerned to see the budget reduction (£1m over 3 years, £200,000 this year) you have agreed for Public Health Nursing. I am also concerned that the service is undergoing a costly tendering process. There has already been a procurement event (24th May).

With that in mind what providers attended and what is the timescale for deciding who the contract is awarded to?”

**(iii) Mr. Ken Kirk**

“In having regard to the report of the Kings Fund, “ Is the NHS heading for financial crisis?” and NHS England’s demand for ‘aggregate financial balance’ in its Sustainability and Transformation Planning guidance, can the Board confirm whether it is correct to make the assumption that the inevitable result will be (a) an inferior NHS services, like those provided locally by Coperforma or nationally by names now synonymous with NHS failure, Harmoni, Serco, Circle, Virgin Healthcare and (b) that you as commissioners are being set up to reduce the NHS from a once world-class service to that similar to the USA's Medicare system?”

1. <http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/verdict/nhs-heading-financial-crisis>
2. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/planning-guid-16-17-20-21.pdf>

**(iv) Mr. John Kapp**

“In regard to the Sustainability Transformation Plan item on the Board’s agenda can the Chair confirm: (a) whether the new contracts for mental health interventions take into account the issues raised in papers on [www.sectco.org.uk](http://www.sectco.org.uk), and section 9 of [www.reginaldkaopp.org](http://www.reginaldkaopp.org); (b) how many NICE recommended Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy (MBCT) 8 week courses will be included in the STP; and (c) will the new contracts for provision of interventions for mental sickness be outcome based (rather than performance based)?”

Notes to this question:

1 The MBCT course has been shown to be 100 times more cost effective than one to one CBT, so are the most cost effective way of teaching depressed patients how to better look after themselves so that they do not need so much public services.

2 Outcome based contracts have been shown to be more effective in healing and curing patients because they incentivise the provider, whereas performance based contracts dis-incentivise them.

3 Further information and details are shown in papers on [www.sectco.org.uk](http://www.sectco.org.uk), and section 9 of [www.reginaldkapp.org](http://www.reginaldkapp.org).