



WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following written questions for the Health & Wellbeing Board meeting to be held on the 19th April, 2016 have been received:

(i) Mr. Carl Walker

“What impact does the Health & Wellbeing Board believe the Sustainability and Transformation Plan and the new geographic alliances which are being generated to implement it, have on health and social care services in Brighton and Hove? What analyses of this and other potential impacts of such radical change in the organization and structuring of health and care services, for e.g. socio-economic, have been carried out or are planned?”

(ii) Ms. Valerie Mainstone

“According to the STP Planning Guidelines issued by NHS England, the success of the Plan "depends on having open, engaging and iterative processes that harness the energies of clinicians, patients, carers, citizens and local community partners and local government."

Can the Board explain how they plan to comply with this instruction on this issue of unprecedented significance for our local democracy and for all residents of the city?

Are local trade unions being consulted about the budgetary and staffing implications?

(iii) Mr. John Kapp

“Will rough sleepers be treated under the Better Care Fund Plan (item 75) and the Wellbeing Service Contract 2017/22 (agenda item 74)?
Supplementary Question:

Will persons receiving Personal Independence Payments (PIPs) be required to attend treatment under the Better Care Fund Plan (item 75) or the Wellbeing Service Contract (agenda item 74)?

(iv) Ms. Madeleine Dickens

Re: STP item - 4.9, page 55 of the February HWB agenda, recommending:

“Return the system to aggregate financial balance. Efficiency savings with the Lord Carter provider productivity work programme, complying with the maximum total agency spend and hourly rates set out by NHS Improvement. CCGs to deliver savings tackling unwarranted variation in demand through implementing the RightCare programme in every locality.”

“How would “aggregate financial balance” be achieved with the current BSUHT deficit of £37 million, what would such mechanisms mean in relation to savings and cuts in NHS budgets and what consultation has there been with unions involved?”

(v) Ingrid Ashberry

“Although the report recommends alternative providers for all services apart from Beaconsfield Villas it hints that this might not be possible either because of some service design to save money or some services becoming too expensive. How much explorations of these possibilities have been done already and what reassurance can we have that the Council are committed to working with the new providers to ensure residents can stay in their homes in the long term?”