

## **HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING 14 SEPTEMBER 2017**

### **AGENDA ITEM 8 – NOTICE OF MOTION – CCG CONSULTATIONS**

AMENDMENT - proposed by Councillor Young: seconded by Councillor McCabe

This Council notes:

- 1 The outcomes of the recent consultation exercises completed by the North Derbyshire and Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) on their 'Better Care Closer to Home' proposals.
- 2 Its robust response to those outcomes following the debate at Community Select (see attached annex) on 2 August 2017.
- 3 The recently announced consultation by the Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group on its 'Intermediate Care Review'.
- 4 The briefing meeting on the 'Intermediate Care Review' for councillors arranged for 25 September 2017 and the inclusion of the consultation on the draft agenda for Community Select Committee on 4 October 2017.

The Council agrees:

- 5 To endorse its current arrangements for responding to such consultations as appropriate, evidence-based, reasoned, comprehensive and robust.
- 6 To encourage local residents to respond to the current 'Intermediate Care Review' consultation by highlighting the consultation via the Council's social media, website and reception space.
- 7 To welcome the Tameside and Glossop CCG's intention to include appropriate public meetings in their consultation programme.
- 8 To express its concerns to and seek further discussions with the North Derbyshire CCG about the implications for High Peak residents of its overall inadequacy rating by NHS England announced on 14 August 2017.

**Text of letter from Councillor Young (Chairman of Community Select Committee) and Councillor Thrane (Executive Councillor for Finance and Corporate Services) to North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group dated 11 August 2017**

High Peak Borough Council's Community Select Committee considered the outcome of the Better Care Closer to Home consultation by North Derbyshire and Hardwick CCGs at their meeting on 2 August.

Members of the Committee would like to thank Steve Allinson, Chief Officer of North Derbyshire CCG for attending the Select Committee meeting and responding to members' comments.

Members of the Committee expressed their deep disappointment at the decisions reached by the CCGs and the potential impacts on the residents of High Peak and made the following comments:

- Access - serious concerns were expressed regarding the location of Walton Hospital and the poor public transport links between Buxton and Chesterfield which would hit the most vulnerable and could prevent relatives and friends of patients being able to visit regularly. This could have a devastating effect on patients who have already been moved away from their community when they are most in need the support of friends and relatives. In addition, public transport difficulties to Walton Hospital encountered by patients' family members who work usual daytime hours would be almost insuperable.
- Standards of Care – reference was made to the CQC findings, which indicated that there is a disparity in the levels of care offered at Spencer Ward and Walton Hospital and it was queried what measures were being put in place to mitigate this.
- Existing services should not close until new services are up and running in a proven manner, and ensure that existing services are not run down by stealth.
- There were concerns that members of staff did not want to transfer to Walton. Residents had also expressed concerns that they would not be dealt with by the same well respected staff as now.
- Residents feel that the consultation was a 'rubber-stamping' exercise and that their comments have been ignored or missed.
- Concerns regarding how the new arrangements will be implemented, with the view expressed that delivery sooner rather than later, including familiar faces, would help to increase confidence in the community
- It was queried whether there was any scope to review the arrangements, should the inequalities in rural areas increase as a consequence

- To help restore trust within the community could the CCG:
  - Make clear that these decisions will not have an effect on the remaining services on hospital sites; and
  - Confirm that the Dementia Rapid Response Team will continue to operate from the Cavendish.
- Members noted the intention of the CCGs to develop a detailed implementation plan and expressed their expectation that:
  - The Council would be fully involved in the drawing up of and consultation on that plan; and
  - Their determination to hold the CCG to account on its implementation.