

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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24th January 2018

NOTICE OF MOTION – NHS Crisis Hitting Bromsgrove Residents

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor L. Mallett:

Council Notes

The national crisis in the NHS which has seen growing queues at A&E wards in Worcestershire Hospitals and across the UK. With December showing the lowest percentage of patients in A&Es in England treated within the 4 hour government target ever.

Recent reports of ambulance queues outside Worcestershire hospitals – with the high pressure on the county's hospitals meant there were more than 1,200 times when paramedics had to wait for more than 30 minutes outside sites in December. At points in December the Royal was running at close to a 10 hour wait in A&E.

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Trust has slashed budgets to reach savings targets and open up a touted extra 29.6 million in Government funding. This funding has however been delayed – meanwhile local services are failing.

These cuts have resulted in a greatly reduced and damaged service – with, for example key services, moving from the Alex and growing waiting times and pressure at the County's hospitals.

Council Resolves

That the Leader should urgently write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care:

- highlighting Council's dismay and concern for the impact that cuts and underfunding are having upon our local hospitals and the risk this presents to Bromsgrove patients;
- and demanding the immediate release of promised funding for our local hospitals.