

## **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**27th March 2019**

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### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor C. Bloore.

#### **Council Notes**

- Secretary of State for Health Matt Hancock's recent visit to the Royal Worcester Hospital, to discuss the ongoing problems facing healthcare services in Worcestershire.
- The publication of the government's long-term ten-year plan for the NHS.
- The shared view of the Office for Budget Responsibility and the Institute for Fiscal Studies was that 4% was the annual increase needed by the NHS to reverse its decline.
- That instead of meeting the identified 4% target, the government has proposed 3.4% (£20.5bn over five years) investment in funding for the NHS.
- Since this announcement cuts to public health spending – including on alcohol and sexual health clinics funded by councils – means the true size of the increase in health spending is still lower: just 2.7% in 2019-20.
- The woefully inadequate targets for mental health diagnosis support and treatment contained in the ten-year plan.
- The current 100,000 vacancies in the NHS workforce and the absence of specific workforce plan as part of the report.
- The publication of the government's green paper on Adult Social Care has been delayed several times: from an original publication date of "summer 2017" and then to "the end of" 2017, a revised timeframe of "before the summer [Parliamentary] recess" (i.e. 25 July 2018) was announced. In June 2018, the then Health and Social Care Secretary announced a further delay to the "autumn" of 2018 following the announcement that a ten-year plan for the NHS would be developed; this was later tweaked to "before the end of the year".

#### **Council Believes**

- That the NHS is the jewel in the crown of our public services and the public expect it to be funded properly which means the government should follow the advice of the Office for Budget Responsibility to increase funding by 4% annually.
- The continued failure and postponement of the government's green paper on the funding of adult social care is having a drastic effect on local health services. And until Hospitals can discharge patients safely into the community or back home with the appropriate car packages, hospital beds will remain oversubscribed.

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- That it is imperative for any long term plan for the NHS to include a specific workforce plan that tackles the likely loss of clinical staff through Brexit and clearly identifies how it will train, retain and attract 100,000 new staff to the NHS
- That if Mental Health is truly to gain parity of esteem with physical conditions then targets for Mental Health diagnosis and treatment must reflect those of physical conditions.

### **Council Resolves**

- To write to the Secretary of State for Health Matt Hancock to call for the government to increase annual funding to the NHS by 4%
- Noting the comments of Simon Trickett (NHS accountable officer) that between 250 and 300 EU nationals currently work in the NHS in Worcestershire. To write to the Secretary of State for Health Matt Hancock for clarification on plans in place to deal with the potential loss of staff due to Brexit in Worcestershire.
- To write to the Secretary of State for Health Matt Hancock to urge him to raise targets for mental health diagnosis and treatment found within the plan.
- To write to the Secretary of State for Health Matt Hancock urging him to publish the governments green paper on Adult Social Care funding so that the NHS, local authorities and families can properly plan for the plan.
- To write to the Secretary of State for Health Matt Hancock to show its support for 'competitive tendering introduced by 2012's Health and Social Care Act to be scrapped'.