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Dear Annet,

Primary care infrastructure funding 2016/17

The Buckinghamshire Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee, at their meeting on 22nd March, received the following question from a member of the public:

'The east end of High Wycombe is seeing massive housing growth. We are faced with the only Surgery in East end of High Wycombe (Bowerdean / Ryemead / Wycombe Marsh / Micklefield) moving to Wycombe Hospital with reduced services and hours.

We are also faced with Chiltern CCG allowing it to happen and also failing to submit for NHS funds for 2016/2017 which can be secured for investment in primary care infrastructure in future years (There is a deadline for submission of April 2016)

A petition and letters to organisations regarding the closure of Lynton House and a call for Chiltern CCG to submit for funding is being ignored. The residents of Wycombe are incensed by the lack of action on this by Local MP and the statutory authorities.

We are calling for BCC to investigate the situation on behalf of residents. For BCC to press for Lynton House to remain and for pressure to be bear on Chiltern CCG to make the necessary effort to secure funding and land/building for a Health Centre in the east end of High Wycombe'

Mr Snaith asked at the meeting if pressure could be put on the CCG to make an application for primary care infrastructure funding that would allow for a surgery to be built or land acquired in the east end of Wycombe. Mr Snaith explained that the deadline for the submission of the application for funding was April 2016 and that opportunities to purchase vacant land or buildings in the area could be lost if the timeline was missed.



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The Committee understands that a multi-agency infrastructure group involving Chiltern CCG had the GP surgery on its agenda for a meeting at the end of March.

Please could you clarify whether Chiltern CCG has applied or is intending to apply for primary care infrastructure funding to invest in GP provision in East Wycombe by the end of April submission date? If there is no intention to apply for funds could you further clarify why the CCG has decided against applying.

It would also be useful for members of Committee to receive clarity from the CCGs on the longer term plans of GP provision and locations across the area as well as the consultation process.

We have a themed item on locality working and new model of primary care provision scheduled for our 18th October meeting. Please advise if this suitable timing to fit in with any planned consultation

In regards to Lynton House I am disappointed that despite requests following public concern that the consultation has not been extended to ensure that all patients were contacted and additionally to take account of patients with English as a second language.

Kind regards



Angela Macpherson, County Councillor
Chairman, Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee



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