

Dear Linda,

Please see below responses to the questions you submitted for the Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee meeting held on Tuesday 24th April.

1. When did the report go on BCC's website?

Response - The report was published as part of the agenda pack for the meeting. It was first published on Thursday 12th April and then re-published on Monday 16th April within the statutory deadline. The agenda pack was republished in order to incorporate further public questions which were submitted.

2. How long does this give members of the public to read the report (which is 51 pages long) and prepare and submit questions?

Response – Public questions can be submitted at any time but the deadline for receiving questions for a specific meeting is 7 working days before the meeting. The public questions were handled in accordance with the guidelines published on the Council's website and Constitutional requirements.

Bucks Healthcare Trust published the engagement report as part of their public Board papers and the key performance indicators are published regularly on the Trust's website.

3. Does Bucks County Council or the Trust believe this is a transparent, open or democratic way of making and scrutinising decisions on what is an important healthcare issue for residents in Bucks?

Response – The purpose of the Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee is to hold decision-makers to account through its scrutiny process to help improve outcomes for the public. The Committee welcomes public involvement and invites the public to attend meetings or to watch them live on webcast to promote transparency. Whilst the Committee is not a decision-maker on health issues, the Committee is keen to ensure that the public are able to have their say and, as such, the Committee provides a public question procedure so that the Committee can pass questions onto the appropriate health organisation for a response. This is in addition to public engagement activities undertaken by the health sector.

Regards,
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