

REPORT FROM THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Committee will meet on the 15, 21 and 29 March 2018.

15 and 29 March 2018

1. ANNUAL SCRUTINY OF HEALTH ORGANISATIONS QUALITY ACCOUNTS 2018/19

- 1.1 Members are advised that the Committee will meet on the 15 March 2018 and 29 March for its Annual Scrutiny of Health Providers Quality Accounts.
- 1.2 Following the failings at Mid-Staffordshire Hospital Trust an inquiry was held and its report published in 2013. Quality Accounts were the NHS's response to the inquiry's recommendations and it is intended that the measures introduced will prevent another Mid-Staffordshire occurring. The focus of the Quality Account scrutiny is on the patient experience and services are assessed against patient safety, effectiveness of treatments received and patient feedback. All healthcare providers (including the independent sector) are required to publish a Quality Account annually.
- 1.3 The Committee's scrutiny will be conducted over two days. The meeting will commence on 15 March 2018 when the Committee will gather its evidence and reconvene on Thursday, 29 March 2018 to consider its evidence, reach its conclusions and formulate its recommendations. The draft report, scheduled to be published on 21 March 2018, will be viewable here:
<http://cmis.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/687/Committee/12/Default.aspx>
- 1.4 The focus of the scrutiny will be on the six provider trusts that deliver services to a significant number of Hertfordshire residents. The health organisations will be questioned in separate groups in either the morning or afternoon. These are:
- Herts Partnership Foundation Trust (HPFT)
 - East & North Herts Hospital Trust (ENHT)
 - West Herts Hospital Trust (WHHT)
 - Herts Community NHS Trust (HCT)
 - East of England Ambulance Trust (EEAST)
 - Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust (PAH)
- 1.5 Each group will be joined by a member of the Healthwatch Hertfordshire Board.

21 March 2018

2. SCRUTINY OF HERTS VALLEYS CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP'S PROPOSAL TO WITHDRAW £600,000 FUNDING FROM NASCOT LAWN NHS RESPITE CENTRE (THE "PROPOSAL")

- 2.1 An extraordinary meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee will be held on 21 March 2018 in accordance with Standing Order SC3(4) to scrutinise Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group's (HVCCG's) proposal to withdraw £600,000 funding from Nascot Lawn NHS Respite Centre. In accordance with Standing Order SC3(5) no other business will be considered.
- 2.2 The decision to hold the meeting was based on the outcome of the Judicial Review of the decision by HVCCG to withdraw funding of £600,000 from Nascot Lawn NHS Respite Centre in November 2017. The judgement found that the CCG had not consulted with the Council before reaching its decision.
- 2.3 Following the Judgment, the Council has received notice from Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group that it is seeking to consult with the Council on a proposal to withdraw £600,000 funding from Nascot Lawn. HVCCG has informed the Council that it intends to reach a decision on the proposal on 3 May 2018 and has requested a response from the Council by 4 April 2018.
- 2.4 This scrutiny will take place in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 23 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 (SI 2013 / 218).
- 2.5 Agenda papers for the meeting can be found here:
<http://cmis.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/817/Committee/12/Default.aspx>

**Seamus Quilty
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