

**NASCOT LAWN RESPITE PROVISION**

*Report of the Head of Scrutiny*

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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 The report attached as Appendix A from Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group (HVCCG) is to assist members handling of this as an “information” only item at this Committee meeting. It provides the background to the decision by the CCG to cease funding provision at Nascot Lawn.

**2. Summary and Background**

- 2.1 Nascot Lawn provides respite care for children and young people with complex care needs. It is funded and commissioned by HVCCG and East & North Herts CCG (ENHCCG) and the service is provided by Hertfordshire Community Trust.
- 2.2 HVCCG, as part of its financial turnaround, is reviewing all its expenditure. Consequently, it has identified that the funding it provides towards Nascot Lawn is discretionary and therefore outside its statutory obligation, which is to provide health care services.
- 2.3 However, the Courts have considered the statutory responsibilities of health bodies to provide this type of service and have clearly indicated that when an individual’s primary need for a service is a health need then the responsibility is that of the NHS. This includes respite care for children and young people with complex care needs and their carers.
- 2.4 The Committee will be aware that a Public Question and a Public Petition have been submitted to, and accepted by, full Council for consideration on 18 July 2017.  
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### **3. Recommendation**

- 3.1 The recommendation, as set out below, is subject to any formal position adopted by the County Council at full Council on 18 July 2017.
- 3.2 That the Committee considers the information provided in the report and concludes one of the following that:
- i) it is satisfied with the information provided and no further action is required; or
  - ii) a full scrutiny of the decision by HVCCG to withdraw funding for Nascot Lawn is necessary, including the holding of a special meeting of the committee.

### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Savings for the CCG are identified in the attached report.

#### **Background Information**

Appendix A: Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group report: Nascot Lawn Respite Provision

Appendix B: HVCCG Investment Committee terms of reference

Appendix C: Report to accompany the petition to be received at full Council (18 July)

Appendix D: Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) annex to appendix C

Letters from HVCCG and E&NHCCG to parents

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HVCCG letter of 3/5/17 to the County Council's Director of Children's Services

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