

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**SPECIAL HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, 21 MARCH 2018 AT 10.00AM**

BACKGROUND PAPER FROM NHS East and North Hertfordshire CCG FOR THE COMMITTEE'S SCRUTINY OF HERTS VALLEYS CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP'S PROPOSAL TO WITHDRAW £600,000 FUNDING FROM NASCOT LAWN NHS RESPIRE CENTRE (THE "PROPOSAL")

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide members with a response to the scrutiny questions to be addressed at the Special Health Scrutiny Committee taking place 21 March 2018.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members will be seeking information to address the following questions

- 2.1.1 Is the Proposal in the interests of health services in Hertfordshire?

The proposal is in the interests of health services in Hertfordshire. It is important that the delivery of services are regularly reviewed to ensure they meet the needs of the local population and deliver good value for money.

- 2.1.2 Are there any alternative service proposals available to HVCCG and the County Council that would address the current and future needs of CYP with complex health and social care needs requiring respite care in Hertfordshire?

The County Council and both CCGs are currently reviewing alternative service proposals on an individual needs led basis.

There is an opportunity for all three organisations to collaborate together with interested parties to co-produce a sustainable local offer for respite services (which includes overnight short breaks) The integrated commissioning of both complex health and social care needs, would include both current and future needs of children and young people 0-25. To start this process all three organisations have agreed to establish a joint budget to support the delivery of respite care should the outcome of the consultation result in the closure of Nascot Lawn

There are examples from other local areas where health and social care have jointly commissioned alternative respite services for children with complex health and social care needs, eg, Oxfordshire County Council with Oxfordshire CCG have commissioned Barnardos to manage three respite centres in Oxfordshire, which include an integrated social care and nursing workforce, for children with complex physical Health and learning disabilities.

2.1.3 How will the integration and joint responsibilities between HVCCG and the County Council be arranged and managed going forward?

East & North Hertfordshire CCG is willing to work with both Herts Valleys CCG and the County Council to explore and develop further integrated opportunities going forward.

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