

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
THURSDAY, 2 MARCH 2017 AT 10.00 AM**

**MOTION REGARDING THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITY PHARMACY SERVICES
IN HERTFORDSHIRE**

The following motion was proposed by Cllr C J White at the meeting of full County Council on 25 November 2016 and was referred to the Adult Care and Health Cabinet Panel for consideration:-

C J White to move (seconder: **K M Hastrick**):-

“Hertfordshire County Council believes that the Government's plans in relation to the funding of local pharmacies:-

- (a) threaten patient access to pharmacies and pharmacy services throughout the County, especially in rural areas;*
- (b) risk reducing services such as free delivery of prescription drugs, family planning advice and advice on medicines and other remedies; and*
- (c) Will thereby put more pressure on GPs, hospitals and social care, at odds with the strategies currently pursued by the NHS in Hertfordshire. We therefore*
 - (i) call on the Government to abandon these cuts and maintain a fully-funded community pharmacy service; and*
 - (ii) Request the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Health accordingly.”*

Following consultation with the Executive Member for Adult Health and Care, Colette Wyatt-Lowe, and the Director of Public Health, the following motion was proposed and agreed by the Adult Care & Health Cabinet Panel at its meeting on 3 February 2017:

“Hertfordshire County Council believes that the local pharmacies have an important role in supporting the health and wellbeing of the population and that they are being underused as part of the response to the health and social needs of local communities.

Panel:

- i. Asks the Chairman to write through the Health and Wellbeing Board to NHS England commissioners to highlight the importance of access to pharmacies and pharmacy services throughout the County, especially in rural areas and the vital role local pharmacies have in supporting vulnerable people.*
- ii. Notes the representations already made by the Chairman of the Public Health, Localism and Libraries Cabinet Panel*
- iii. Asks the Director of Public Health during his commissioning and production of the next pharmaceutical needs assessment to consider the impact of these changes if the regulations on the National Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee allow this*

For further background about Community Pharmacy please follow the following link to previous papers submitted to Public Health and Localism Panel:

<https://cmis.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/431/Committee/50/Default.aspx>