

COUNCIL RESOLUTION = 10 JUNE 2015

National Health Service

That this Council:

1. welcomes the statements made in the Queen's Speech to Parliament on 27 May 2015 about securing the future of the NHS by implementing the NHS's own 5 year plan, including better integration between health and social care, better access to GPs including evening and weekend working and improved waiting times for mental health services, alongside increases to the NHS budget and 7 day NHS working;
2. is aware that one person in four experiences a mental health problem at some stage during their life and believes that there should be parity of treatment between mental and physical health within the NHS including:
 - (a) equivalent access and waiting time standards;
 - (b) the introduction of a mental health crisis service in all Accident and Emergency Departments;
 - (c) changes to the way in which mental health services are funded including the removal of block contracts; and
 - (d) more resources to be made available for research into the causes and best treatment of mental health.
3. asks the Health and Adult Social Care Committee and the Milton Keynes Health and Well Being Board to further consider how these issues can be best progressed within Milton Keynes;
4. notes the importance that this Council places on improving access to health care in Milton Keynes and the successful efforts made by health professionals, councillors, and MPs Iain Stewart and Mark Lancaster to increase funding for MK hospital;
5. notes that successful lobbying and joint working between parish councils, local councillors, MPs and the Clinical Commissioning Group has led to the recent announcement of additional funding in principle for enhanced GP provision in Milton Keynes including at Willen and Brooklands, recognises that there is still much work to do before these plans can be put in place, and commits to support the Joint Health and Well Being Strategic Plan agreed in March so that this additional provision can be effectively delivered;
6. notes, however, that there still remain significant problem areas where there is insufficient capacity among local surgeries to serve the local population and that the plans unveiled so far do not address this. This Council therefore calls upon the Leader of the Council to make representations, in particular, about the shortage of capacity accessible to residents
 - (a) along the V10 including Monkston, Monkston Park, Kents Hill and Walton, and to press for the enlargement of Milton Keynes Village and Walnut Tree surgeries to cover this area; and
 - (b) in the Western Flank currently served by Westcroft Surgery;

7. requests the Leader of the Council, in his new position as Chair of the Health and Well Being Board, to ensure that the opportunities created by announcements in the Queen's Speech and successful examples of joint working are taken forward to create a better health and social care service for Milton Keynes; and
8. furthermore requests the Leader to report back to Council in October what improvements are proposed and how these will be implemented within available budgets.