

Redditch Borough Council

25th July 2016

Motions on Notice

The following Motions have been submitted under Procedure Rule 11:

(a) Redditch against Hate Crimes.

Proposed by Cllr Juliet Brunner, seconded by Cllr Bill Hartnett:

"We in Redditch are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our town or country.

The Elected representatives on Redditch Borough Council, condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

Councillors and officers of Redditch Borough Council will continue to work to support local bodies and programmes such as the North Worcestershire Hate incident partnership, to prevent and tackle racism and xenophobia. We reassure all people living in Redditch that they are valued members of our community."

(b) Announcement of emergency temporary change to paediatric inpatient services at the Alexandra Hospital from September 2016

Proposed by Councillor Bill Hartnett, seconded by Councillor Juliet Brunner: Council notes with dismay the recent announcement from Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Trust (WAHT) with regard to an emergency temporary change to paediatric inpatient services at the Alexandra Hospital from September 2016 which is the latest in a series of changes made to the detriment of our local hospital using the "cover / shield" of safety – all in advance of the much publicised public consultation. Whilst the council fully supports and endorses the need for services to be safe we need to be assured as to what has been done to mitigate this decision and that this does not represent the easy option and a further downgrade of services to the people of Redditch and surrounding areas.

As agreed before the Council's policy is to look towards Birmingham. This is further proof that this is the correct position and that the Acute Services provision in Worcestershire is simply unsustainable in its current form and we believe will be proven when the Sustainability and Transformation Plan is published.

The Council need to be assured that this isn't a permanent move in the same way the removal of maternity was. When the latest move was announced the Trust stated that the period between now and September will enable them to engage with the public on the reasons for the changes and how services will be affected:

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- call upon the Chair and Chief Executive of WAHT to host a series of public consultation events in Redditch, Bromsgrove and Stratford to outline the reasons for the change, the actions already taken to address the situation and also what will be done to ensure this isn't a permanent change;
- call upon the Chair and Chief Executive of WAHT and the Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG Chief Operating Officer to attend the previously agreed Redditch borough councils Health Commission to address wider issues around the future of the Alex Hospital ;
- to write to UHB and the Women and Children's Trusts in Birmingham to ask for their views on this matter.