



Council

NOTICE OF MOTION – – VARIATION OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION THERAPY ACROSS THE COUNTY

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 6 by Councillor Juliet Brunner:

Historically there has been more provision of speech and language therapists in the North of the County. This is due to the level of resourcing by three former PCT's. The South of the County have had less due to having fewer PCT's.

Provision across the County has not been seen as equitable.

Following a meeting of the Children and Young People's Panel at Worcestershire County Council on 5th October 2009, Members were advised that, given the current economic climate, no additional funding would become available for speech and language therapy.

There is a proposal to spread the existing resources of therapists across the County, effectively taking therapists from Redditch so access for our children could be affected, causing longer waits for assessment and treatment and unnecessary distress for children and their parents.

Redditch Borough Council will not accept the removal of resources for our children and will strongly oppose this proposal.

The Leader of the Council is requested to write on behalf of Redditch Borough Council to Dr Richard Harling and Cllr Marcus Hart, Commissioners at Worcestershire County Council for this service, and inform them of the Council's objection to this proposal.

Redditch Borough Council furthermore wishes to see equity of this service and requests that the commissioners employ more therapists to service the needs of the South of the County.

Proposed by Cllr J Brunner

Seconded by Cllr K Banks