

Item 9 - Notice of Motion

To consider the following motion, which has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.1:

a) NHS SERVICES. Councillor Owen to propose.

National and local media have been reporting on the increasing pressure NHS services are facing.

In the Autumn Statement, the Chancellor failed to significantly intervene in directly relieving the pressure on NHS services, nor did he provide any new financial assistance to deal with the social care crisis, which considerably contributes to bed-blocking, contributing to the state of our A and E departments which are now on the brink of collapse.

Notwithstanding the decision of the Health Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 14 December to receive a detailed progress report on health and social care integration, principally focusing on the Sustainability and Transformation Plan in early 2017, Council expresses its serious misgivings on the implications for health and social care for Blackpool by the acceptance and implementation of the Lancashire and South Cumbria plan, in its current form. A plan to reorganise services and make them more efficient is only likely to be able to contribute to a solution and the kinds of savings being demanded by Government are very likely to be unrealistic.

This Council therefore requests the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to call upon the Government to invest urgently in social care and NHS services.