

Record of Decision

Notice of Motion - Clinical Health Services

Decision Taker

Mayor on 23 February 2017

Decision

That the motion be rejected for the reasons given below.

Reason for the Decision

Torbay Council supports a model of care which integrates health and social care and supports people in their own home which is individuals' preference. The South Devon and Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group, after a consultation process, reduced the number of NHS beds in Paignton whilst retaining outpatient services. The Overview and Scrutiny Board, in undertaking its health scrutiny role on behalf of the Council, will continue to seek assurance as the process goes forward and that the proposals are implemented in accordance with commitments made to local people.

There is no proposal to 'downgrade' Torbay Hospital. There will be a review of acute services across the whole of Devon and Torbay Council will be consulted on any proposed changes. The Overview and Scrutiny Board will carry out its health scrutiny role throughout the process as will Healthwatch as an independent health and care watchdog (funded by Torbay Council for that purpose).

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 10 March 2017 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

At the Council meeting held on 23 February 2017, the Mayor considered a motion in relation to the removal of clinical health services in Paignton and proposals to downgrade Torbay's District General Hospital, notice of which was given in accordance with Standing Order A14 by Councillors Sanders and Darling (S) as set out below:

this Council objects to the removal of clinical health services delivered in Paignton and to any proposal that downgrades Torbay's District General Hospital, and calls on the Mayor to contact the leaders of neighbouring local authorities whose residents will be affected by such changes to unite against them, and to use his community leadership role to raise with the Government the views of opponents to these changes from residents, patients and staff from across South Devon.

In accordance with Standing Order A14.3(a), the motion stood referred to the Mayor.

The Mayor responded to the motion at the meeting and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____
Mayor of Torbay

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