

Notice of Motion received from Councillor P Jones:

This Council welcomes the decision of the Chair of the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board following its meeting on 5 January 2017 to write to Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health expressing his concern at the impact of the growing funding crisis in the NHS and local authority social care in Derbyshire.

Council shares the fears of health professionals that six years of Government underfunding are now placing strains on both services that put Derbyshire residents' wellbeing at risk and placing intolerable strains on the staff working in the NHS and social care.

Council reaffirms its commitment to provide an in-house social care service including residential care homes, home care staff, Brokerage service, Welfare rights

The potential benefits of the Care Act – and now the efforts of the Sustainability and Transformation Plans - are being undermined by the damaging effects of the decision in the 2010 Spending Review which has left social care exposed to the impact of a 40% real terms fall in financial support to local government.

The integration of health services and local authority social care by 2020 continues to be a key policy driver from government. Such working together should strengthen preventative services in the community and achieve some savings and efficiencies. But there is little evidence to show that greater integration, to date, has realised significant financial savings.

The King's Fund has stated that the system needs £2.3 billion invested in the life of this parliament to protect statutory social care services

Council calls upon the Government to end its denial of the crisis in NHS and local authority social care and to properly fund these services in Derbyshire.

Therefore, this Council calls upon the Government to:

Urgently consider the implications of the impending health and social care crisis

and announce a sustainable long-term funding solution so that local partners can meet current demand pressures, but also use additional funding to develop new care models. This approach will ensure that immediate concerns are addressed, but the much needed investment can also be put towards new models of care that prevent people falling into ill-health or enable them to remain independent in their own home and ultimately reduce demand across health and social care in the longer-term.

The Council further agrees to contact all Derbyshire Members of Parliament asking them to support Derbyshire County Council with this campaign to secure the funding required, both locally and nationally, in order to protect in house social care services.