

LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

COUNCIL – 24 JUNE 2015

EMERGENCY MOTION (TABLED)

Members are asked to note that the Mayor, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.6, has accepted the following for consideration as an emergency motion at tonight's meeting.

In the name of Councillor Hamilton:

“Enfield Council believes that general practice is the solution to many of the current problems facing the NHS but general practice cannot achieve its full potential while being seriously damaged by:

- the continuing disinvestment in general practice;
- the lack of premises investment;
- the rapid reduction in the number of GPs due to government policies;

We know that going forward between now and 2020, Enfield will have a real shortage of GPs and primary care provision. **The need in Enfield is more urgent given the closure of Chase Farm Hospital A&E.**

On 19 June 2015 the Secretary of State for Health announced that 5,000 doctors were needed to fix the health crisis.

Both in terms of the number of GPs and practice surgery facilities the Government has made a commitment for 7 day NHS service. The same commitment made in 2010!

The number of GPs in Enfield is expected to have to rise by 84 from its current levels of 167 over the next five years—an increase of some 50%, and that just to get adequate cover by 2020. According to the Royal College of General Practitioners, that leaves Enfield the 17th worst hit Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) out of 212 across the country.

Enfield Council is committed to doing all that we can to lobby government and work with the CCG to make adequate funding available **as a matter of urgency** to address the Primary Care service in Enfield in order to meet the health care needs for Enfield Residents.

The Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care is requested to create a campaign strategy and lobby approach to Government so that Enfield Council, with partners, are best placed as early as possible to pressurise the Government for extra resources for Enfield residents”