

Report Title: AMENDED MOTION	
Motion by Councillor Mrs J Beavis – Improving Primary Care in the Braintree District	
Report to: Council	
Date: 13 th December 2021	For: Debate
Key Decision: No	Decision Planner Ref No: N/A
Motion Presented by: Councillor Mrs J Beavis Motion Seconded by: Councillor J Abbott Amendment Proposed by: Councillor G Butland Amendment Seconded by: Councillor P Tattersley	
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1. Constitution Provisions

Further to the publication of the Council Agenda, Councillor Mrs J Beavis and Councillor J Abbott as the Proposer and Seconder of the original Motion referred to above have accepted an Amendment to the Motion which was proposed by Councillor G Butland and seconded by Councillor P Tattersley.

The Amendment was submitted in accordance with Rule 12:20 of Chapter 2 of the Constitution.

In accepting the Amendment, the amended Motion is the Substantive Motion for debate by Full Council and it is set out in section 2 below.

For the avoidance of doubt, in acceptance of the Amendment there is no need for Full Council to debate and vote on the Amendment.

2. Substantive Motion

Council notes that the Comprehensive Spending Review, the Build Back Better agenda and previous Government statements to increase NHS spending should deliver significant improvements in Primary Care.

Council notes that during the first half of the financial year, an additional £130m was made available to general practice to expand capacity via local commissioners. Council further notes that for the five months November to March, a new £250m Winter Access Fund will help patients with urgent care needs to get seen when they need to, on the same day, taking account of their preferences, instead of going to hospital.

Council accepts that new funding comes with specific targets to reduce the backlogs in Primary Care but that the shortage of local practitioners in General Practice settings will make this difficult in the short term.

However, Council notes that NHS England and NHS Improvement is working with systems to strengthen their existing plans to increase numbers of GPs towards the 6,000 Government manifesto commitment.

Council congratulates the Government on filling a record 3,793 GP specialty training places in the first recruitment round this year. It also notes that the latest comparable data (June 2021 compared to June 2019) showed that there were now over 1,200 more full-time equivalent (FTE) GPs than two years before, with a headcount increase of almost 2,500.

Council notes that the Government's manifesto commits to expanding the number of other primary care professionals by 26,000. Council believes that this is essential to expanding general practice capacity and bringing a wider range of skills to the primary care team, enabling GPs to focus on what only GPs can do. PCNs have flexibility to employ any of 15 different roles and are successfully employing over 10,000 extra staff already.

Council welcomes the fact that Pharmacists joining PCNs will automatically be trained to prescribe, lifting workload from GPs; and that the NHS will continue to increase the role of community pharmacists in delivering appropriate clinical services.

Council notes that the Health and Care Bill, which is due to become an Act in 2022, establishes new Integrated Care Systems (ICS) and in our case Mid and South Essex ICS (MSEICS).

This Council therefore commits to continuing to work with its NHS Partners to support the improvement of Primary Care, particularly throughout the Braintree District.