

NHS WHITE PAPER AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

That a deletion is made as shown with the text struck through, and that additions are made as shown in ***bold italics*** below.

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Proposed by: Cllr Moonan

Seconded by: Cllr Evans

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