



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

(B) WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following written questions have been received for the Health & Wellbeing Board meeting to be held on 11 September 2018

(I) Submitted by John Kapp

What plans do the Board have to treat Rachel (65, depressed in sheltered accommodation) and Dave (40, alcoholic and homeless) in Community Care Centres, according to the Better Care Fund?

(II) Submitted by Valerie Mainstone

In April 2018 the area served by the Low Vision Clinic In Brighton changed so that only residents of Brighton and Hove, not of outlying areas, could access the Clinic's services. At the same time, the Clinical Commissioning Group withdrew its funding and Brighton and Hove City Council took over that responsibility up to March 2019.

What will happen to the service in Brighton and Hove from April 2019?

(III) Submitted by Jim Deans

Committee are aware of the questions surrounding "Malnutrition" and the ending of "meals on wheels" service. It's been stated that the service was replaced by a "as like" offer. This has been explored by Sussex Homeless Support (SHS) contacting service and viewing web-site offering. This is a paid service and there is no provision for benefits claimers identified as in danger. One of the providers have a minimum £30 order. Many of the clients in emergency accommodation receive £52 a week benefit they pay a service charge of between £17-£25 to hostel leaving it impossible to pay minimum £7 meal per day delivered by the second provider.

The "Discretionary Fund" will not consider applications for meal service.

Is the committee aware of this? Would the committee check this information is correct and make the appropriate change to allow the Discretionary Fund to cover applications?

(IV) Submitted by Amanda Bishop

The recent numbers of deaths has been documented by the press, some projects in the city are suggesting this is partly due to the lack of support given after a client is accommodated, often the accommodation is outside the city like Newhaven/Peacehaven/Eastbourne making delivery of support even more difficult, clients have great difficulty in accessing local Brighton support centres as well. There are reports of Depression and malnutrition these go hand in hand with lack of support. We understand the restraints on budgets but it cannot be long term cost effective by allowing clients situations to deteriorate after housing them.

Please can you confirm the number of deaths in supported/ emergency accommodation in the last three years?