

APPENDIX E

Update on the Health Committee meeting of 10 July 2014, from Cllr Sue Ellington

Members will remember that I attend this County Council Committee as a non -voting member. The purpose of the committee is to provide a scrutiny function.

The meeting considered a number of reports and then moved on to agree the methodology for scrutinising key actions and decisions being taken over the following 3 months. These included the commissioning of Older Peoples Healthcare and Adult Community Services. This is the detail of the Clinical Commissioning Group procurement contract for Older People. I attended two subcommittees to ensure all aspects of the contract took account of the consultation responses. This was detailed work but absolutely key to ensure the contract is comprehensive. The final 3 bidders responded to the report and agreed to meet the detail we had proposed. The preferred bidder will be announced within the next 2 weeks.

Another workshop on Mental Health Services raised significant concerns regarding the lack of resources to meet even the basics of the NICE guidelines for Moderate to Severe Mental Health problems. The increase in resources going to the acute sector has decreased the money available for many of the support services for this group of people. The result is pressure on GP services to meet the needs of mildly affected people and the knock on effect to their friends and relatives.