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Ladies and Gentlemen,

A meeting of the **ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** will be held via Zoom - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92326124304> on **Thursday, 17th February, 2022** commencing at 7.00 pm when it is hoped you will be able to attend.

Yours faithfully

**Mark Andrews**  
**Chief Executive**

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### **A G E N D A**

#### **4) PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS**

To receive any petitions, deputations and questions received from Members of the Public in accordance with the provisions of Procedure Rule 216.

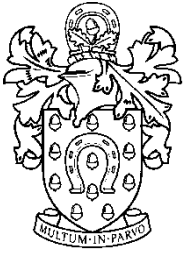
The total time allowed for this item shall be 30 minutes. Petitions, declarations and questions shall be dealt with in the order in which they are received. Questions may also be submitted at short notice by giving a written copy to the Committee Administrator 15 minutes before the start of the meeting.

The total time allowed for questions at short notice is 15 minutes out of the total time of 30 minutes. Any petitions, deputations and questions that have been submitted with prior formal notice will take precedence over questions submitted at short notice. Any questions that are not considered within the time limit shall receive a written response after the meeting and be the subject of a report to the next meeting.

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## PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

**MEETING: Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee**

**MEETING DATE: 17 February 2022**

No.	Petition, deputation or question	Name of Speaker	On Behalf Of
1	Deputation	Ramsay Ross	Rutland Health & Social Care Policy Consortium Deva House 28-30 High Street West UPPINGHAM

### CONTEXT

A Health Plan for Rutland requires to incorporate:

- 1) needs assessment,
- 2) health outcomes, with a strategy to achieve them followed by
- 3) an Implementation Plan - a major step for Rutland and much welcomed.

### ISSUES

The Health & Wellbeing Board is to be congratulated on the work it has done and presented to date on this major project. The work is of high quality but still incomplete and we ask that the following steps are taken before signing off any health plan for Rutland.

- **Prepare an integrated summary** to describe clearly to Rutland people and the ICS what the three discrete pieces of work aim to achieve, how they link together and what services will be provided as the plan is implemented.  
The Dept of Health wishes the NHS Plan of 2019 to be the driver of future ICS plans. The adoption of this framework by the HWB would explain to residents that, going forward, high-tech services will be provided in hospitals, whilst low tech services will be located closer to home.
- **Address the following shortcomings in order to complete the plan**
  - **Health Needs Assessment** – this has not been updated since 2018 and consequently ignores the important evidence presented by the Parliamentary Enquiry into Rural Health & Care. It was published in February 2022 and has established that deprivation in rural areas has been incorrectly measured nationally, leaving rural communities, such as Rutland, disadvantaged. We recommend that the Needs Assessment now be updated with specific attention to the issue of rural deprivation.
  - **Health & Wellbeing Strategy** – This was updated after consultation but omits several key issues raised by the public in Section 3.3. The issues in 3.3 include: -

- a. The impact upon women of closing LGH obstetrics and the St Mary's birthing unit
- b. Access issues such as whole pathways / continuity of care and diagnostics. The H&WB has included references in its agenda for 22<sup>nd</sup> February but references do not, of themselves, amount to clear direction.

Resolution of many UHL mitigation issues were passed to the Health and Wellbeing Board in August 2021 and require to be fully addressed in any strategy document.

In summary, these shortcomings are all critical issues for Rutland and should be actioned to demonstrate that RHWB is implementing government policy as set out in the NHS Plan 2019.

- **Implementation Plan** – the first draft in today's papers is an excellent compilation of the health & wellbeing issues facing Rutland. Unfortunately, it is incomplete as it fails to provide a detailed implementation plan, in terms of the current position, defining where we want to get to and the associated costings and metrics for such proposals.

We recognise that there is significant work involved in providing such detail but consider it essential if the proposals for Rutland are to be given a properly considered assessment by the ICS, when set alongside those submitted by Leicester and Leicestershire. It cannot be acceptable to residents that Rutland's case is presented as half a plan.

## **SUMMARY**

We support the progress RHWB has made, and hope Members of Scrutiny will encourage the H&WB to focus on addressing the issues highlighted above.