



PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

MEETING: Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee

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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 22nd 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.