

Questions and Answers

Health and Wellbeing Board

Thursday, 28th January, 2021

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Public Questions as specified in the Council's Procedure Rules of the Constitution

- (a) Questions submitted to the Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group by Paula Saunderson:

Questions:

1. ***“How many patients over 65 have a Diagnosis of Dementia (or Memory & Cognition)?”***

The representative for Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group provided the following written response:

As of January 2021, 987 people have a dementia diagnosis registered with West Berkshire – data taken from National Source

The Chairman asked: *“Do you have a supplementary question arising directly out of the answer to your original question. A supplementary should be relevant to the original question and not introduce any new material?”*

Paula Saunderson did not have a supplementary question

2. ***“How many of these are deemed to now have Long Term Care Needs?”***

The representative for Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group provided the following written response:

We are unable to report an answer for this question as the CCG does not capture data for general Long Term Care needs. 263 people as of Dec 2020 in receipt of a long-term service for memory and cognition

The Chairman asked: *“Do you have a supplementary question arising directly out of the answer to your original question. A supplementary should be relevant to the original question and not introduce any new material?”*

Paula Saunderson did not have a supplementary question



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3. ***“How many of these are receiving funding for Long-Term Care from the NHS in the form of CHC (both types) and FNC – a figure for each type would be helpful and % if possible?”***

The representative for Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group provided the following written response:

The figures below are for 2019/20 for clients over 65, however, the CCG does not record diagnosis. The CCG does not hold this information by Local Authority so the figures below are for Berkshire West CCG

- *1065 people were in receipt of Funded Nursing Care in 2019/20*
- *188 people were funded for fast track in 2019/20*
- *45 people were eligible for CHC funding in 2019/20*

The Chairman asked: *“Do you have a supplementary question arising directly out of the answer to your original question. A supplementary should be relevant to the original question and not introduce any new material?”*

Paula Saunderson did not have a supplementary question

4. ***“How many patients over 65 with a diagnosis of Dementia (or Memory & Cognition) are still resident in their own accommodation?”***

The representative for Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group provided the following written response:

The data source used for this answer is Connected Care and the only confirmed set of information is that 252 are care home residents registered at West Berkshire GP practices.

The Chairman asked: *“Do you have a supplementary question arising directly out of the answer to your original question. A supplementary should be relevant to the original question and not introduce any new material?”*

Paula Saunderson did not have a supplementary question

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5. ***“How many Family Carers are there looking after a Dementia Patient without the use of ASC or NHS funding?”***

The representative for Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group provided the following written response:

In West Berkshire, rough data indicates 15, 000 unpaid carers, not all for people with dementia and GP practices seek to collect information about people with caring responsibilities however we cannot provide the level of detail to answer this question in full

The Chairman asked: *“Do you have a supplementary question arising directly out of the answer to your original question. A supplementary should be relevant to the original question and not introduce any new material?”*

Paula Saunderson did not have a supplementary question

6. ***“Why is Long Term Dementia Care not considered as a Medical Condition like other Terminal Regressive Diseases (Cancer/Tumour etc) and badged as a Social Care need which is self-funded?”***

The representative for Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group provided the following written response:

Both the CCG and the Local Authority implement the approaches as set out by national Government policy and directives.

The Chairman asked: *“Do you have a supplementary question arising directly out of the answer to your original question. A supplementary should be relevant to the original question and not introduce any new material?”*



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Paula Saunderson asked the following supplementary question:

“Generally, are the CCG happy with those directives?”

The representative of Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group answered:

“I do not think it is for me to comment on Government policy in that respect, the CCG’s role is to implement policy”

7. ***“How many Dementia patients does Berks West CCG assist with End of Life funding (outside of hospital) and what amount of funding is this as a % of end of life care in total?”***

The representative for Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group provided the following written response:

The CCG cannot provide an answer to this question. There is a commissioned pathway for all people who need palliative care and/ or have end of life needs

The Chairman asked: *“Do you have a supplementary question arising directly out of the answer to your original question. A supplementary should be relevant to the original question and not introduce any new material?”*

Paula Saunderson did not have a supplementary question

8. ***“Who within the NHS Governing bodies has a Duty of Care towards Family Dementia Carers?”***

The representative for Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group provided the following written response:

It would be helpful to clarify further which bodies this refers to as this question is open to interpretation

The Chairman asked: *“Do you have a supplementary question arising directly out of the answer to your original question. A supplementary should be relevant to the original question and not introduce any new material?”*



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Paula Saunderson asked the following supplementary question:

“A general answer would be fine”

The representative of Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group answered:

“I would have to take that away and provide a written response”



Member Questions as specified in the Council's Procedure Rules of the Constitution

(a) Questions submitted to the Communities & Wellbeing by Councillor Martha Vickers:

1. *"In the light of the report of a significant rise in incidents of Non Accidental Injuries to children during the period of the pandemic could the Council create a Covid Dashboard Tracker in order to monitor the broader effects of the pandemic on our community?"*

The service director for Communities & Wellbeing for West Berkshire Council provided the following written response:

"The council and its partners are aware of both the direct and indirect negative impacts from the pandemic to our health and wellbeing. You may recall the public health and wellbeing team produced a life course infographic last year to highlight these impacts. At a recent ICP Prevention Board, it was agreed that we would revisit this infographic and identify potential indicators to monitor change over time. I'm aware that as part of the council's recovery strategy, a delivery plan is also being developed that will look to incorporate key data that the council can use to further understand, monitor and mitigate the impacts of the pandemic. We will look to report progress from this work at future health and wellbeing board meetings.

With regards to Non Accidental Injuries, we have sadly seen an increase in numbers throughout 2020 and I know that Berkshire West's Children's Safeguarding Partnership and the ICP Children's programme Board continue to monitor this issue closely and are work together to keep children safe.

The Chairman asked: *"Do you have a supplementary question arising directly out of the answer to your original question. A supplementary should be relevant to the original question and not introduce any new material?"*

Councillor Vickers did not have a supplementary question



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