



**North Yorkshire County Council  
Scrutiny of Health Committee  
14 December 2018**

**Notice of Motion to County Council on 14 November 2018**

**Purpose of Report**

This report provides Members with an opportunity to discuss the Motion that was put to County Council on 14 November 2018 and then to agree a recommendation to Executive to consider at their meeting on 15 January 2019, ahead of a referral back to the meeting of County Council on 20 February 2019.

**Motion**

The following Motion was put to County Council on 14 November 2017 by County Councillor John Blackie and this was seconded by County Councillor Stuart Parsons:

*“North Yorkshire County Council calls upon the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) that commission NHS Services across the County:*

- (i) to fund the necessary PTS services to transport those whose medical, personal and financial needs require these services to attend hospital clinics, and to recognise that any failure to provide the level of service that reflects the rural nature of North Yorkshire may lead to patients having no alternative but to miss their appointments to the detriment of their health,*
- (ii) to acknowledge their recent implementation of cutbacks in the PTS services without any consultation whatsoever has caused anxiety amongst those communities placed at distance from the hospitals that serve them, and calls upon the CCGs to review the impact of the cutbacks at Scrutiny Committees across the County no later than early March 2019,*
- (iii) to recognise the current network of Community Hospitals in North Yorkshire provide a range of essential NHS services, including in-patient beds for step-down, respite and palliative care that are highly valued by the communities they serve, and where CCGs are considering changes it should only be on the basis of improvements with no reduction in local accessibility of these services,*

*and instructs Committee Services to send the outcome of the debate on this Notice of Motion to the District and Borough Councils and the MPs that serve the communities in North Yorkshire.”*

The Chairman determined that the Motion should not be debated on the day, stating that a better venue for a more informed debate would be with the Scrutiny of Health Committee at their meeting on 14 December 2018.

### **Response to the Motion**

The Motion has two distinct elements: 1) concerns about the application of the eligibility criteria and changes to the eligibility criteria for the Patient Transport Service; and 2) concerns about potential reductions to services provided by community hospitals.

The first element, PTS, is being considered under item 6 of the agenda for the meeting today. The second element, community hospitals could be reviewed by the Chair, Vice Chair and Group Spokespersons at a meeting in early January, depending on whether the committee is happy to delegate the authority.

### **Recommendation**

That the committee:

1. Considers the concerns about PTS under item 6 of the agenda for the meeting today and makes a recommendation to Executive to consider at their meeting on 15 January 2019, ahead of a referral back to the meeting of County Council on 20 February 2019
2. That the consideration of the concerns about community hospitals be delegated to a meeting of the Chair, Vice Chair and Group Spokespersons. They then make a recommendation to the Executive and Council on behalf of the committee.

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