

## **Report of Health in Dacorum Committee for 2017/18**

The Committee considered a range of local health issues during the year.

The Committee followed the progress of West Herts. Hospitals Trust following its 2016 Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection.

Throughout the year, the Committee received updates on the Urgent Care Centre (now an Urgent Treatment Centre).

The Committee is being briefed on the Hertfordshire Community Health Centre in The Marlowes, which is opening in 2018 to provide physical and mental health services. When the Centre is up and running, a visit to it by the Committee will be scheduled.

The Committee was informed by Herts. Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group about its “Healthy Future – Let’s Talk” programme .This entailed proposals such as stopping the routine prescription of over the counter medicines and gluten-free food, and requiring patients to be “fit for surgery” (smokers to quit and obese people to lose weight before operations) being discussed with members of the public.

The Committee has taken an interest in the interaction between health and social care.

At the Committee’s request, on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Iain MacBeath, Herts. County Council’s Director of Adult Care Services addressed it on the subject of delayed discharges.

At the Committee’s request C/Cllr Richard Roberts, Herts. County Council’s Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Protection addressed it on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 about prevention. He told the Committee that the need to use extremely costly tertiary services can be prevented if the County and boroughs/districts develop and share good universal primary services. He stressed the promotion of healthy lifestyles in prevention of ill-health.

The Committee requested and now receives updates on Herts. County Council Adult Care Services as a standing agenda item.

The Committee considered health issues across Dacorum, looking at the future of the Gossoms End unit and GP provision in Tring.

I would like to thank the Vice Chairman, Dacorum Borough Council’s representative on the Herts. County Council Health Scrutiny Committee, and all Committee members for their hard work.

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