

Council

18 October 2021

Agenda Item 14 : Any Other Item The Mayor Determines As Urgent And Which Requires A Decision

Motion	Proposed by: Councillor Clucas	Seconded by: Councillor Barrell
	<p>Emergency Situation in our Hospitals</p> <p>Recent reports in national newspapers concerned Gloucestershire Hospitals Trust declaration of a Black Alert, which was declared on 19th September and lasted until 5th October. A Black Alert is used when patients are at serious risk and their safety cannot be guaranteed by the Trust, nor can the Trust provide normal services</p> <p>In view of the impact on Cheltenham residents, and those of the wider East Gloucestershire area which CGH serves, of such a lengthy Black Alert, Council is requested to:</p> <p>Ask the Council's representative on the Gloucestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny committee (HOSC) to write to the Secretary of State, Care Quality Commission and the HOSC outlining Council's concerns, which are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Why was the Black Alert not made known to HOSC?2. Why has the Trust not been open about this with the public?3. How does the Trust expect to retain staff when it is placing such intolerable pressure in them?4. How will the Trust retain staff when winter pressures worsen in January and February?5. How will the Trust support and help the ambulance service?6. With long term staff retiring, how is the Trust going to recruit more staff? <p>Further, that the Health Overview & Scrutiny committee be requested to convene an emergency meeting with GHT, to raise these matters with the Hospital's Trust Chief Executive and Medical leads.</p>	