

Council: 9 September 2008

Emergency Motion: Cllr. Mike Freer

NHS Reconfiguration

Council is dismayed that the Labour Government has agreed to the NHS Reconfiguration Panel's recommendations that will see the loss of Accident and Emergency facilities, and downgrading of other health services, at Chase Farm Hospital.

Council is appalled that the recommendations of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee on this matter have been ignored.

In addition, Council regrets that consideration of the Council's own "Barnet Model" has been completely absent from proceedings.

Council believes that the plans are not in the interests of patients in either Barnet or Enfield, and will lead to extra strain on services at Barnet General, which could severely affect the level of care at that and other local Hospitals.

Accordingly Council requests the Chief Executive writes immediately to the Secretary of State for Health, Alan Johnson MP urging the Minister to reconsider his stance.