

Council, Tuesday, 26 January 2010

Motion 3.3: Councillor Helena Hart

Hospice Funding

Council notes that the Government has refused to commit to extending the funding grant to Hospices after March 2011, leaving Hospices in Barnet uncertain of their future.

Council believes that, in view of the vital work they perform, Hospices such as the North London Hospice must receive the maximum possible support from both Central Government and local Primary Care Trusts if appropriate and compassionate end of life and palliative care for Barnet's residents is to be provided.

Council believes that the funding grant to Hospices should be guaranteed beyond March 2011. Council therefore welcomes the Conservatives' commitment to extend the payment for children's hospices and the policy of introducing per-patient funding of both child and adult end of life care which would see overall funding double.

Council requests that the Chief Executive write to the Minister of State for Care Services asking that the funding grant be extended beyond March 2011 to secure the long-term future of hospices that serve the residents of Barnet.

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.