

Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013

Non Executive Business Item: Councillor Barry Rawlings

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman

A&E Emergency Fund

Add additional paragraph

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Substantive Non Executive Business Item to read:

Council notes the Prime Minister's announcement over the summer of a £500 million emergency fund to help A&E's in crisis to cope with the increase in demand during winter.

Council notes that the Department for Health is deciding how to allocate the funds based on plans from the Urgent Care Boards around the country.

Council asks Cabinet to write to the Secretary of State in support of Barnet's local hospitals receiving some of these funds - Barnet Hospital A&E, Chase Farm A&E and Royal Free A&E -which have all had serious issues dealing with A&E wait times and have ongoing financial challenges.

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