

Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013

Non Executive Business Item: Councillor Barry Rawlings

Amendment in the name of Councillor Alison Moore

A&E Emergency Fund

Add at the end:

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Substantive 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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Under Council Procedure Rule, Section 1, Standing Order 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.