

Motion: £22.6 billion additional funding to the NHS

Proposed by David Perry

Seconded by Simon Brown

This council notes:

- For the first time in the 41-year history of the British Social Attitudes survey, less than a quarter of people are satisfied with the way the NHS is running. ~~Satisfaction had previously peaked in 2010, when 7 out of 10 people reported being satisfied with the health service.~~
- Overall public satisfaction with how the NHS runs now stands at 24% – a fall of 5 percentage points from the previous year. Since 2020, satisfaction has fallen by 29 percentage points. Dissatisfaction is also at an all-time high, with more than half (52%) of respondents saying they were dissatisfied with the NHS.
- ~~From 2020 to 2021 the UK was hit by the Covid-19 Pandemic, which heaped never before seen levels of pressure onto our NHS and led to a vast backlog in operations, appointments and treatments.~~
- A study on waiting times at the end of August showed that 55% of patients in the London North-West University Healthcare trust were waiting over 18 weeks to start treatment, well above the NHS operational standard of 8%.
- This study showed over 100,000 people in the local area were still waiting to start treatment at the start of August.
- ~~Despite yearly Conservative governments' have delivered yearly~~ increases in NHS funding over the last 14 years, ~~however~~ satisfaction in the NHS has steadily dropped and waiting times have increased, pointing to ~~challenges the NHS faces due to worsening demographic pressures (i.e. an increasingly aging population), a lower standard of care.~~
- As part of the new government's first budget, buildings which are in "disrepair" will be allocated £2.5bn for upgrades as part of Labour's first budget in more than 14 years.
- Chancellor Rachel Reeves also revealed that the day-to-day health budget of the service will increase by £22.6 billion.

The Council believes:

- ~~Harrow's NHS care services took a hit over the last 14 years, which are now being addressed with more funding from the new Labour government.~~
- There is a back log of repair work needed on Northwick Park Hospital.
- Harrow is currently experiencing a crisis in social care with more funding desperately needed to provide for the needs of an ageing population.
- Action must be taken to ensure that the worrying statistics on obesity in Harrow, especially among our young population and certain demographics, are not exacerbated by a lack of funding and preventative measures being put in place.

The Council resolves to:

- ~~Harrow Council to e~~Commend ~~the both Conservative and~~ Labour Governments for standing up for our NHS.

- Support the government's plan to increase day-to-day spending in the NHS by £22.6 billion to relieve the pressures on local health services.
- ~~Ask the~~ Leader of the Council ~~and Leader of the Opposition to collectively to~~ raise with the Health Minister the massive backlog of repairs in Northwick Park Hospital, and also funding for the council to support patients when returning home from hospital to help reduce the overall costs of healthcare, ultimately seeking our fair share of this recently announced funding.
- ~~Ask the~~ Leader of the Council, ~~Leader of the Opposition and Managing Director~~ to ~~collectively and individually~~ stand up for our local NHS and those services impacting the Council and argue for our fair share of funding.

[Proposed by Cllr Paul Osborn](#)

[Seconded by Cllr Marilyn Ashton](#)