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Proposed letter to Mrs Margaret Evans, Chairman of WSCC's Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC).

Councillor David Skipp, Chairman of the Health Provision Working Group has advised that the Group has questions for County Councillors and they would like to undertake this through the Scrutiny process, particularly through the Health Provision Working Group, and are requesting approval and support from the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.

Dear Mrs Evans,

Further to your committee's recent review of the need to strengthen Primary Care services across the County, and our Chief Executive's response dated 29 February, I am writing at the request of our Scrutiny and Overview Committee to draw attention to, and seek your support for, action to address a very real and pressing set of issues with Primary Care Services in and around the town of Horsham.

Our Health Provision Working Group recently reviewed the conclusions of a seminar held between representatives of Horsham General practices and councillors at which two particular issues were identified,

1. There has been a lack of provision of health services for the new residents moving into recently built houses in the west of Horsham catchment area. The scheme which had been proposed at the Broadbridge Heath leisure centre, which included facilities for General Practitioners, had fallen through and no further premises were available. This has led to demand on existing surgeries which is placing immense strain on health care professionals and the provision of services.
2. There does not appear to be any strategy in place to cater for those families moving into West of Horsham, potential residents in the numerous flat conversions under construction in Horsham and those moving to North Horsham. Neither the CCG nor NHS England have presented a coherent strategy as to how this deteriorating situation can be managed.

The Working Group are of the opinion that there may be options to resolve the provision of services based around the Hurst Road area, with its proximity to Horsham Hospital and road links to and from the town centre. We would like to meet with you and West Sussex County Councillors representing Horsham divisions to obtain their views on the present impasse.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor David Skipp
Chairman of the Health Provision Working Group.

