

Letter to J Hawker  
Chief Officer  
Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group  
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Dear Mr Hawker,

We are a group of concerned members of the public who are working together in attempt to save Hollins View Community Support Centre from closure. Over several months, more than two thousand people have signed a petition to keep Hollins View Open. The Petition attracted people from all walks of life including Church Ministers, local groups and included Health and Social Care professionals. Local Councillors from across the political spectrum signed the petition, but most importantly, many Carers, those who are caring full time for their loved ones, but who need to have a short break, currently provided at Hollins View, from caring and dedicated staff.

The matter that we wish to raise with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) relates to how and whether the Clinical Commissioning Group was involved in a joint Risk Assessment with Cheshire East Council (CEC) in relation to the intended closure of Hollins View Community Support Centre?

Was Cheshire East Council involved in the establishment of the Quality Assurance Framework for Care Homes with the CCG?

What discussion about the role of the CCG's Risk Assessment has taken place with Cheshire East and whether a joint Risk Assessment would have been appropriate before an announcement on transferring services out-of-house was made by Cheshire East.

We would welcome clarification on the following points:

1. When was the part of the Risk Assessment dealing with Quality Assurance in Care Homes established?
2. Was it constructed jointly with Cheshire East Council
3. Has Cheshire East Council agreed your definition of Quality Assurance in local Care Homes?

4. Is the CCG aware of the Risk Assessment carried out by CEC on the outsourcing to the private sector of Respite facilities?
5. Has there been a joint Risk Assessment with CEC and the CCG about the future of Hollins View? If so, when was that and by whom?
6. What is the CCG's own Risk Assessment of the proposed closure of Hollins View?

We would appreciate your response to the questions as soon as possible. We understand that the results of the Consultation on the future of Hollins View and Lincoln House in Crewe will be discussed at the CEC Cabinet meeting on 9 December 2014.

Yours sincerely,

David Wood (on behalf of the *Keep Hollins View Open Campaign*)

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