



Hampshire
County Council

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Councillor Elaine Still
Chairman
Policy and Resources Select Committee

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Dear Councillor Still,

Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee: consideration of workforce capacity in Hampshire

The Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) met on 27 January 2015, and in the course of items on revenue budgets and delayed discharges from hospital, discussed issues related to workforce capacity; particularly in the areas of Winchester and Basingstoke.

Members held a brief discussion on the work being taken forward by the County Council to attract more people to the caring profession, and recent NHS drives to recruit medical staff from overseas. It was noted that unemployment in some areas of Hampshire is very low, and Members questioned whether Hampshire has the working age capacity to be able to meet critically important but sometimes hard to fill roles, such as carers, nurses and school crossing patrols.

Members agreed that the Policy and Resources Select Committee (P&R SC) might be best placed to scrutinise this topic, and to review work being taken forward across the County Council to tackle this issue. I am therefore writing to ask for your consideration of this item on a future P&R SC agenda.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information on my comments above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Stallard".

Councillor Patricia Stallard
Chairman, Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee

Cc: Cllr Stephen Reid, Executive Member for Human Resources
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